

**Arden Forest Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 7:00 PM**

BWVC: In attendance: Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson, Jen Borders Absent: David Nordheimer, Jeff Martin Meeting called to order 7:08 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved February minutes.
 - Election Slate: David Jones, Jeff Martin, Ed Rohrbach, Bev Clendenning
 - Jeff needs to add a link back to Civic committee on the Indian Circle permit. Jeff and Carol will look at it to see what needs to be done—in process
 - Need to have a serious discussion with Greg at Redtail about his contract.

2. **Finance:** --Attached financial report. Need to add bamboo bill, split rail fence, surveyor, etc. before the end of year March 23. Need to have a serious discussion with Greg at Redtail about his contract.

3. **Current Grants/Projects**
 - Sherwood Restoration Project: Carol has been taking readings. Banks are sloughing. The project appears to be working. Carol will bring data to Jeff to graph the data.
 - 2409 Woodland: Waiting for spring
 - End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: Jill will take photos on the 15th of the month
 - Surface Water Management Planning Grant came through. Waiting for the purchase order from the state. We are in paperwork phase. Foresite has a calendar and a contract for the village for the project.
 - Bicycle path through Sherwood Forest from Hillside to Marsh road. We will investigate possible surfaces. We don't want paving.

4. **Boundaries/Encroachment**
 - Carol is going to survey 200 feet of the line with Howard Robertson surveyors, and buy split rail fence for that portion. Dave Claney will put in the fence.
 - Bart Yoder took his ladder bridge out and stopped taking wood.
 - Joyce Pierce, Christine and Don Montgomery at 2033 Marsh Road. They have a pipe draining into woods. Carol talked to them. They said pipe was there when they bought the property. Carol is going to show them photos we have on file.
 - No response from Marilyn Gray has a big fenced-in area in the woods. Carol will talk to Marilyn to see that she got the letter.
 - 5 Mill Race Road—Still waiting for court case to be settled. Decision soon.

5. **Drainage/Erosion**
 - Stormwater plan (see above).

6. **Invasive Species Control**
 - Ron's Tree service removed bamboo near Mandy Tacco's property.
 - Had a big crew take care of ivy behind the Bryan leasehold. 12 volunteers.
 - Spotted Lantern Fly. Elaine Schmerling has been going around with a task force. Jen, Jill, Carol, and Jeff have checked their leaseholds and had neighbors checking their leaseholds.

7. **Paths/Maintenance**

- Not sure if Ron has checked path near Politis property. Jen will check.
- Carol will give Jeff a thumb drive of bridge ideas. She will email.

8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees**

- No removals at this time.
- Carol photographed the Lubin Tree.

9. **Community Involvement and Communications**

- Arden Page: Clean-up, Earth Day festivities, In-depth party, Part 3 of the Wildlife Certification.
- We published and distributed out another LEAF in March (Mid-March latest) for Earth Day. Electronic version for Arden. Jen sent out paper copies to bordering neighbors.
- Christina River Watershed Clean-up is April 4, with Raindate on the 5th
- Jen talked to Mary Brent. We can have 2-3 yard for having Wildlife Certified Leaseholds on the House and Garden Tour. Bev Barnett might be interested. Gild Hall grounds. Possibly Laura Wallace. We should certify the Buzz. We need to staff the places on the tour.
- Jill is lead chef for Dinner Gild April 18th.
- Jill is working with Lori Athey for community Wildlife certification.
- We will talk with individuals in the community and the Buzz Ware Village Center to become Wildlife Stewards.
- Brainstorm Plans for Earth Day Party at the Buzz on April 22 at 7PM.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- “Eco-Queen” or king. We need to settle on a name. “Environmental champion” for Arden gets recognized each year:
 - Plaque with names for each year? Hall of Fame?
- Clothesline with earth day pledges. Drawings from kids.
- Essay Contest.
- Rain Barrels for awards: For the Environmental Champion or the Essay contest. If we decide folks don’t want the rain barrels should we make this a raffle?
- Spotted Lantern Fly pinata
- Festive vessel decoration. We order reusable cups to give away and decorate. Would ACRA be interested in sponsoring this one? We’d buy cups and gather supplies (I have a lot of bling stuff.)
- Kids ball pit: Research cost and how to make this practical.

COSTUMES: Dress colorfully (green?)

TABLES: information for Earth Day and Arbor Day

- Bar (Laura Wallace), Food
- Light Pollution Table: Jeana (GG) Info about how light interrupts insect life cycle and kills moths. Yellow LED light bulbs to give away. Pledge to pay attention to light pollution. Gardeners Gild?
- Seed Table
- Arbor Day – Tree City Proclamation: Tree giveaway
- Certified Wildlife Habitat table: sign up and info sheets. Jill will contact Lori Athey for possible information
- Spotted Lantern Fly Traps demo

FOOD AND DECORATIONS:

-CAKE: large decorated cake and/or cupcakes.

-Beverages: Invented cocktail with non-alcoholic version.

-Decorations: Jennifer Trees (art), decorate ficus in the room, Jill's new painting of
Table coverings (possible GARDENING GILD)

10. **New Business--none**

Meeting adjourned 8:33 PM. Next meeting is March 11, 7 PM.