

## **Arden Forest Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2020, 5:00 PM**

**Via Zoom: In attendance: Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jill Althouse-Wood, Bev Clendening.**

**Absent: Dave Jones Called to order 5:00 PM**

1. **Administrative:** We approved February minutes.

-- Jen sent the Fire Permit. Waiting for the new webmaster at Arden website to put it up with a live signature.

--Please update volunteer hours for the last month.

--Drew Jordan, Keri del Tufo, Grace Ressler, Margo Al-Taweel, Jill Althouse-Wood, Carol Larson on the docket for election. Meet the Candidates March 13<sup>th</sup> 1PM. Candidate statements for Arden website.

--Denise Miles called to asked to do 40 community hours in the woods. Carol has applied for the documents needed. We are waiting to hear back from the state.

2. **Finance:** Carol and Jen reviewed books. We went over \$88 but we still have an outstanding part of contract with Red Tail. \$333, but they haven't done the work. We are not going to renew the contract but use Red Tail for specific projects. We are thinking of contracting for invasive species with another company, possible Weeds Inc. Carol will look into it.

### **3. Current Grants/Projects**

—2409 Woodland: Some Mile-a-minute we have to watch. We are looking at treating that with some pre-emergent.

--End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: Leannan Brook-Harcourt sent a power point about the circles. Jill will observe them further into summer before we make our conclusions.

-- Surface Water Management: Carol has to ask where we are.

### **4. Boundaries/Encroachment**

--Sunset Farms: Carol is calling surveyor to come out before we put fence in. We are monitoring the deeply eroded spot. It doesn't appear to be getting deeper. We discussed possible remediation. We will do new photographs to compare.

-- After the variance on Sunset Farms was approved, we will now approach RPATAC (Resource Protection Area Technical Advisory Committee) about managing the Board of Adjustment for future variances.

--Carol contacted resident at 4 Sunset Court. Also Charles Diggins on Weiler's Bend. Carol is having ongoing conversations with both on the pipes extending into woods.

--Christine and Don Montgomery at 2033 Marsh Road. They have a pipe draining into woods. Carol needs to talk to them.

### **5. Drainage/Erosion**

--Carol and Bev talked to Dave Nordheimer about erosion at Broadbent. There is ongoing concern, but we are going to keep tabs on it with Dave's help. Bamboo needs to come out on the property when it changes hands/gets sold. Carol sent the letter to Tina Broadbent about the bamboo removal. She needs to follow up. We have new bamboo strategies that doesn't involve chemicals.

### **6. Invasive Species Control**

--On hold: Jill talked to Larry Strange about drone video and 360 photography to map the ivy. He will do so after snow melts.

--Bev did an article in Arden Page iNaturalist to map our invasives. We are going to have a user event on April 24.

--SLF report: Elaine is gearing up with new traps. Still looking for egg masses, but they will start to hatch soon.

-- Discussed deer population control. Bev and Carol will do a 4-day webinar on this subject. Carol is going to order some deer fence. Discussed using trail camera. Carol has one.

### **7. Paths/Maintenance**

--We moved the bridge that washed away in Arden Forest, but still needs to be stabilized with rebar so it doesn't move again.

--Sherwood Bridge project on hold due to budget constraints.

--Possible group of volunteers "Bridge Brigade" for paths/bridges led by Drew. Jill will talk to Drew about inclusion in LEAF Summer.

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

--Carol is going to look at Dela Bryan's oak to see how it wintered.

### **9. Community Involvement and Communications**

--Gardeners Gild has native plant sale which was a success.

--Civic committee on board to make the Sherwood Green a Habitat.

--We will soon be done with certification for the Ardens for Community Wildlife Habitat. Plan for a celebration in Summer.

--New LEAF winter edition came out the beginning of March. Largest issue yet.

--Adding Deer articles on social media 1) Traffic accidents 2) hurt the environment

--Arden page: Earth Day/Arbor day activities: Woods cleanup April 18-25. Arbor Day, iNaturalist blitz in April 24. Raindate is the 25<sup>th</sup>, Book Club The Overstory.

### **10. New Business**

--Bev and Dave has been monitoring water quality, TDS (Total dissolved solids). They will write a report of the findings. The salting of the roads really affects the salinity of the creek. It rises steeply and then comes down. We don't know how this affects living things in the creek. Dave wrote a piece for LEAF. We will clarify our findings and at that point, talk to Civic about the way that we, in Arden, deal with salting our roads. Consider the advantages of brining rather than salting. Bev will present the data next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 6:14 PM. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 14 at 5 PM.**