

Arden Forest Committee Meeting

Monday, June 21, 2021, 5:00 PM

Took place at Buzz. In attendance: Carol Larson, Jill Althouse-Wood, Bev Clendening, Keri del Tufo absent Dave Jones. Called to order 5:00 PM

1. **Administrative:** We approved May minutes after changes.

--Still working on Fire Permit with the new webmaster.

--Please update volunteer hours for the last month.

--Denise Miles has done about 16 of her 40 community hours in the woods.

2. **Finance:** Carol has to make sure Keri gets charges for Dave Claney fence. Waiting on a bill from Red Tail.

3. Current Grants/Projects

—2409 Woodland: Carol and Bev cleaned up a lot of invasives. Looks beautiful. We want to pot and grow oak seedlings. An oak fell near the steps. We need to cut it away to allow access to steps.

-- Surface Water Management: Foresite is going to report at town meeting. We got another bill, so they should be nearly done.

4. Boundaries/Encroachment

--Sunset Farms: We are going to put the fence on the boundary line. We will get chippers to put chip up into the fence.

--Policy on variances on construction near the boundary. We have to document and get experts.

-- Carol is checking on code for taking water from creek or dumping into creek.

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

--Fence in Buckingham Green that is falling over that we need to address. Get Claney to put it back up.

5. Drainage/Erosion

--Carol and Bev talked to Dave Nordheimer about erosion at Broadbent. Bamboo is out at Broadbent's. We will learn more about the erosion after the engineer's report for the sale of the property.

6. Invasive Species Control

--Carol is treating most ash trees on leaseholds and still has some forest ones to treat.

--Bamboo behind Mandy Tocco that we need to address.

-- Many deer sightings along Sherwood and Meadow.

--We are monitoring patches of Japanese Knotweed.

--Stiltgrass season is starting.

7. Paths/Maintenance

--Bev and Carol has had a meeting with Drew Hayes. He will start working on bridges in August/September. He expressed interest in getting a larger chainsaw. Shed? Pendulum funds?

--Need to cut Bev's tree into "cookies" for path. Need to find someone with chainsaw.

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees

--Beech tree leaning more between Broadbent and Politis. Keri will take photographs from same spot to see if it is leaning more.

--Carol has checked on Lubin Oak and Bryant Oak.

9. Community Involvement and Communications

--Celebration for Community Habitat certification, Jill will send out task list.

-- Oak Challenge?

--Summer LEAF to be published. Hard Copies for the celebration

- Arden Page: Celebration, Patch, Forest Committee Arden Fair Booth
- Fall LEAF, physical copies on hand for Fair. Ideas: Fall Lawncare (Bev and Carol) including do not fertilize, stiltgrass near woods, save your leaves, don't dump in woods,
- Dave Jones, Minnow Trap with kids ACRA?
- "Tree"sure Hunt

10. New Business

- Hajni Halasz came to talk about applying for DNS \$300 grant for rain garden and DelMarVa grant to rehabilitate the MillRace Preserve. Bev will visit the property with Hajni to plan the grant.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM. Next meeting is Monday, July 18 at 5 PM.