

## **Arden Forest Committee Meeting**

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

**Via Zoom: In attendance: Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jill Althouse-Wood, Bev Clendening, Dave Jones, Drew Jordan Meeting called to order 5:02 PM**

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

-- The Fire Permit to arden.delaware.gov. Jen is editing the fire permit looking into it. Trying to get a fill and sign document on the website. There is a meeting that Jen/Carol are attending about the website.

--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 met with her and showed her around. Carol has to talk to her supervisors. Bev has volunteered work with her.

**2. Finance:** Carol has updated bills (Ron's Tree, Plants for Sunset Farms, Emerald Ash Borer Chemical) \$3278 need to be submitted to the budget. We are going to be over our budget.

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

—2409 Woodland: Some Mile-a-minute we have to watch. not a priority.

--End of Hillside/Sherwood Forest planting circles: Leannan Brook-Harcourt is coming in March meeting with update on the circles.

-- Surface Water Management: Drew Hayes from Foresite gave a presentation at Town Meeting. Carol will put the link to the maps/charts on the Arden Website.

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

--Sunset Farms: Dave Claney and Carol went to check for pins. They found one, but need to talk to the surveyors and place more. Fence

-- Carol will talk to No response from DNREC Debris Pit. We are monitoring the deeply eroded spot.

-- 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.

### **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. She is working on area for Sherwood Forest. She wants to have a user event when it warms up.

--SLF report: We are scraping egg masses.

-- Discussed deer population control. Bev and Carol will start to put a short presentation for March town meeting and will work on power point together for later town meeting. Received report from Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

## **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.

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

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

--Gardeners Gild has native plant sale coming up in March.

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

--March Page—GG plant sale.

--We are well under way process of certification for the Ardens for Community Wildlife Habitat. The Gardeners Gild is going to be a part and possibly pay for the certification.

--New LEAF winter edition set for March 21.

--Adding Deer articles on social media 1) Traffic accidents 2) hurt the environment 3) Deer Ticks 4) Deer suffering

--January page entry: LEAF; Change Meeting time

--Woods cleanup April 22-26. Arbor Day.

--iNaturalist blitz in April 24. Raindate is the 25<sup>th</sup> Plus adding Sherwood Forest.

### **10. New Business**

--Bev and Dave has been monitoring water quality, TDS (Total dissolved solids). They will write a report of the findings.

**Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 10 at 5 PM.**