

Arden Forest Committee Meeting Monday, July 19, 2021, called to order 5:00 PM. Took place at Buzz.

In attendance: Carol Larson, Bev Clendening, Keri del Tufo, Dave Jones. Absent: Jill Althouse Wood

1. Administrative: We approved June minutes after changes. –

- Still working on Fire Permit with the new webmaster. – Civic is working on their permits, too.
- Please update volunteer hours for the last month. --Denise Miles has done about 23 of her 40 community hours in the woods.

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

3. Current Grants/Projects –

- 2409 Woodland: Bev has continued to check after Carol and Bev cleaned invasives. We want to pot and grow oak seedlings. We need to cut fallen oak away to allow access to steps. –
- Surface Water Management: Public meeting Wednesday, September 8

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 need to document and get expert advice to support our point of view.
- 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. Need a new fence company? If Claney won't respond

5. Drainage/Erosion. Survey of eroded spots we can manage locally? Between Munroe & ? to start.

6. Invasive Species Control –Stilt Grass work: biggest patch at Mill Race We put in a lot of time there. Bamboo behind Mandy Tocco that we need to address. -- Many deer sightings along Sherwood and Meadow. --We are monitoring patches of Japanese Knotweed. --

7. Paths/Maintenance --Bev and Carol had a meeting with Drew Jordan. 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. Skip & Bev got larger chain saw.

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. A few ash trees in forest left to monitor for ash borers.

9. Community Involvement and Communications

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

Fall event? Stilt Grass pull, Ivy Ball? Need to schedule a calendar of events to structure volunteer participation

10. New Business -.Bev has a new volunteer survey out and is organizing small groups of respondents. QR code for survey works

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM. Next meeting is Monday, August 16 at 5 PM