

Arden Forest Committee Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2021, 5:00 PM

Via Zoom: In attendance: Carol Larson, Jen Borders, Jill Althouse-Wood, Bev Clendening, Dave Jones. Called to order 5:05 PM

1. Administrative:

--We approved July minutes.

--Need to check back to make sure the Fire Permit gets uploaded with the new webmaster.

--Please update volunteer hours for the last month. Volunteer Hours-FY 2022

--Denise Miles has done over 23 of her 40 community hours in the woods.

--New contract with Red Tail on a call-by-call basis for forest maintenance. For very specific areas. Carol will email contract for everyone to review.

2. **Finance:** Bill from Dave Claney being revised before paying out.

3. Current Grants/Projects

—2409 Woodland: Mile-a-minute is under control. We need to plant something. Dave recommended Cardinal flower. We will do a seed order

-- Surface Water Management: September 8 meeting. Drew is presenting the findings.

4. Boundaries/Encroachment

--Buckingham green fence is in.

--Sunset Farms: Non fence yet. We are going to put it up on the line.

5. Drainage/Erosion

--Possible project—map of minor erosion areas

6. Invasive Species Control

--Stiltgrass pulling time. Worse is MillRace and along some pathways. There is some behind 1904 Sherwood. We (Bev and Denise) have done some work on it, but only about 10% of what is there. Elaine wrote an article for LEAF. There is some behind 1904 Sherwood.

--Hurlong's Bamboo along Woodland is still an issue but shouldn't be hard to take care of

--Bev has a whole program mapping invasives with volunteers. She will put an article in the page.

-- Discussed deer population control.

--Will ask Red Tail to work on burning bush in the fall

7. Paths/Maintenance

--Soggy paths. Discussed strategies: stepping-stone with tree slices, Aerate, Boardwalk.

--Possible group of volunteers "Bridge Brigade" for paths/bridges led by Drew. Bev will contact Drew. Bev and Drew will walk paths. Talked about problem areas that are priority.

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees

--Beech with crack behind Founder's Cottage. We are monitoring it.

--Carol has a new way to measuring angles, so she is going to measure Dela Bryan's oak to see if it is leaning more.

9. Community Involvement and Communications

--Jill is working on Fall LEAF 2021 to have available at the Arden Fair.

--Possible kid activities for Fair Day. An Aquarium with some invertebrates? Press on tattoos.

--Bev is putting Invasive Map and volunteer program in page

--Jill will put about the fair booth in page.

10. New Business

--Branding—calendar, special events.

--suggested Ivy Ball For winter 2022

Meeting adjourned 6:07 PM. Next meeting is Monday, September 20 at 5 PM.