

Arden Forest Committee Meeting MINUTES Monday, April 18, 2022, 5:00 PM:

In attendance: Carol Larson, Bev Clendening, Keri Del Tufo, Eric Reed absent Jill Althouse Wood

Called to order 5:02 PM absent Jill Althouse Wood

1. **Admin:** --We approved March minutes with changes.
update volunteer hours for the last month or tell Bev.
FOIA/Conflict of interest: A town organized meeting was proposed to go over these
Vote for Chair(s) Co-chairs Bev and Carol\ Voted to change meeting time to 6:00 pm
2. **Finance:** No new costs since end of year accounting in March. Additions for augur and Tractor Supply charges coming from Bev.
3. **Current/New Grants/Projects** —DISC Grant ongoing. Ivy removal mostly complete, Fence work finished in March , signage needed to explain project to passers-by. (Carol)
ARPA: Getting more bids, Bev filling out CPC form, Trying to match ARPA with DNREC grants
4. **Boundaries/Encroachment** . --Sunset Farms: Fence mostly installed. A few uprights left on site. We need to check the Garlic Mustard
5. **Drainage/Erosion** – Volunteer work from Master stormwater plan Watershed A.
We should check Planting in Fire Lane/Stevenson area – part of the Storm water plan – condition of beeches
Try live stakes in eroded areas: red twig dogwood stakes, willow stakes.
Storm Water Management Plan: Volunteer efforts in watershed A
6. **Invasive Species Control** –Work continues at the Cherry Lane trailhead as written in DISC Grant on Tuesdays.
Deer population control: fishing line to protect areas with *Euonymus americana*.
Red Tail work: We decided to renew contract with Areas to consider
7. **Paths/Maintenance** --Soggy paths; discussed strategies: cookies, Aerate, Boardwalk, monkey ball experiments
Keri says the branches across the path are dangerous hard to walk on.
Fixed Broken bridge in Sherwood. Waiting for receipts from Simon who ran the show
Make cookies for muddy spots Lisa Wolfe has red oak.
Tree cookies from cut Locust tree on Wind Lane at Bev's-- Also sweet gum.
Eroded spot behind Politis – reroute path with chips or cookies away from creek edge
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees** -. Trees to monitor: Dela Bryan's oak, Politis poplar, -Keri mentioned twisted Beech with crack behind Founder's Cottage Lubin Oak:
9. **Community Involvement/Communications/Arden Page** Report on Ivy Fest
Bev brought coffee – Carol brought cookies and crafts. Terri Hansen brought hummus Cecilia story
Stanko/Gordon won prizes and Elaine. Discussed what we learned from the event
Arbor Day 4/23: Tree Planting at Field Theater Dogwood.
May page: No entry this month. possible: Tree Champions, one per month.
10. **New Business** -- Eric suggested consulting the Fairfax C. VA Stormwater plan.
Meeting adjourned 6:17 PM. Next meeting is Monday, May 16 at 6 PM.