

Arden Forest Committee Meeting MINUTES Monday, May 16, 2022, 6:00 PM:

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

Called to order 6:00 PM

1. **Admin:** --We approved April minutes.  
update volunteer hours for the last month or tell Bev.  
Pending Volunteer Hours according to  
Bev talked to Lisa to change the meeting time in the Arden Page  
FOIA/Conflict of interest: all members reviewed and seen.  
Vote for Chair(s) Co-chairs Bev and Carol\ Voted to change meeting time to 6:00 pm
2. **Finance:** Keri sent a report. Nothing new to report.
3. **Current/New Grants/Projects** —DISC Grant ongoing. Ivy removal is complete. We planted trees, perennials, shrubs. We must do an inventory to give an interim report and go to unfenced side and take care of invasives. Then we are in a holding pattern. We have to do a final report un January. Bev and Carol have expenditures that need reimbursed.  
**American Rescue Plan Act Funds:** Made Powerpoint presentation to town meeting on 5/15 and was awarded funding. Revised Carroll bid came in. We need to get easements for the leaseholds that are affected.  
**Sherwood Circles:** we have had some successes. Golden Ragwort looks great!  
**2409 Woodland:** we need to do some planning and work here. We kicked around some ideas.
4. **Boundaries Encroachment:** We chemically treated grass encroachment at Sunset Farms.
5. **Invasives:** We have done sweeps of areas we have done areas where we pulled Garlic Mustard last year and there is much less garlic mustard this year. Sunset Farms area and from Hillside to Woodland on Naaman's Creek Side.  
We restrung fishing line deer barrier on upper path between Hillside and St. Martins's to protect Euonymous Americanus. To Do: We are going to pull garlic mustard, multiflora rose, privet and Burning bush in the Hillside area of Naaman's.  
Red Tail—getting them to pull ivy behind O'Regans  
We need to cut back bamboo and treat in July by Mandy Tacco and end of St. Martin's Lane.
6. **Drainage/Erosion** – We are keeping an eye on the erosion of the bank of Naaman's Creek behind Politis leasehold. We are determining if we need to place live stakes.  
**Storm Water Management Plan:** Next steps is to write a grant for a July deadline, and we need to look over our bids.
7. **Paths/Maintenance** – Carol needs to talk to Dave Jones about calling his friend and get some bridges built.  
Talking about doing some tree cookies for the soggy paths. We need to consider a boardwalk on Hillside trailhead into The Arden Forest.
8. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees** -. Got a letter from Heidi Hoegger asking us to check on a Beech. We are planning a site visit.  
Ron from Ron's Trees looked at trees  
Fire Lane: 2 dead Beeches: \$700 to drop the two hanging over the wires, no brush.  
2 beeches \$2000-5000 to drop them and take wood out

Woodland Lane Politis: No target yet

Poplar: \$2000 to take top out, with brush \$2500

Red Oak \$1500 with brush \$1800 over patio.

Simon's Beech

Dead Beech \$1800 Simon thinks it is his

Meadow Lane—Heidi Hoegger (She sent us a letter)

\$1500 to drop pieces, 2000 to take the wood out.

9. **Community Involvement/Communications/Arden Page**

Winners of Ivy Contest: Susan Stith got her gift certificate. We need to do work at the Stanco/Gordon leasehold as their prize.

2022 ACRA House and Garden Tour: We have three Wildlife Habitats on the Tour.

June Arden Page: Jill will review past June articles and put something in.

Need a page in ACRA Phonebook about good forest neighbor practices.

10. **New Business** -- None

Meeting adjourned 6:44 PM. Next meeting is Monday, June 20 at 6 PM.