

Arden Forest Committee Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

In attendance Carol Larson, Bev Clendening, Eric Reed, Lisa Wolfe, Keri Del Tufo..

Admin: --Hold off approval for more review October minutes

Election slate ideas needed for January Town meeting. Action: develop a list of candidates.

Update volunteer hours for the last month or tell Bev. Google sheets document has multiple year tabs

Discussion of **Forest Stewardship Policy**. Google Doc online.

2. Finance: \$750 grant had not yet shown up in account.

3. Current/New Grants/Projects — DISC Grant: Renew fishing line, check on deer prints. Final report due Winter Carol should send poster to Keri for printing/laminating.

ARPA: SWMPG grant proposal accepted – waiting on purchase order.

U&CF Tree Grant: Due 3/3/23 must have site visit. Up to \$5000, need to match it.

Arden Species inventory. Will Ryan / Janet Ebert. Cost \$10,000. **No new info** Carol contacted past authors. Suggestions made: that expense be reduce using the old document. if we used past info and limited sampling.

4. Boundaries/Encroachment . – Sunset Farms – suggestion to leave it alone until spring.

5. Drainage/Erosion . Planting –needed in Fire Lane adjacent area: red maples and black gum

Try live stakes in eroded areas: red twig dogwood stakes, willow stakes. Schedule planting in February at bud break.

6. Invasive Species Control –Deer population control: fishing line to protect areas with *Euonymus americana*. We need better supports and more fishing line – area championed by Lisa near her house – Large areas in Sherwood.

Discuss areas for Red Tail contract. Continue group work ivy/burning bush, deseeding

We met Stevie Nolan at the Pancake Breakfast. Work behind her house at 1613 Green Lane. (Dela's)

Bamboo: finished Tocco, need to pick up brush. Stanko/Gordon: they sprayed Chameleon plant (Carol left sprayer.)

We need to identify plants for them so they can be effective.

7. Paths/Maintenance Bridges not as slippery now.

Better path signs: Markers in the past: bird house, ceramic leaves.

Signs needed at path to Renzetti Stone Circle and at Mill Race

Grants available ORPT for paths. Should develop grants to be ready for cycle next round due June 2023.

Eroded spot behind Politis – Action: Move “sculpture piles” to redirect path away from bank week of 11/21 Signage for direction.

Accessible area walkway– Woodland to Indian Circle. “Circle (wall) to (Indian)Circle path” accessible.

Action: Research design and cost. Boardwalks discussed – hesitation as to expense, disruption of woods.

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees -. Be on the lookout for hazard trees along woods edge.

Ridings dead oak – Theis hangers to be done winter – On hold: Ron is waiting for a part for his lift.

Monitoring: Bev's ash branches. (Removal of ash is \$2000). Politis woods edge.

9. Community Involvement/Communications/Arden Page

LEAF: Actions: generate list of potential stories, recurring and annual events, books to read. Message/promo: “LEAF Coming to Life” First Winter Issue. Plant of the Year idea – *Euonymus americana*

December 9: Moonlight campfire sing- Refreshments: Hot cider hot chocolate: Keri - s'mores, wood collection, water buckets, table needed. Bamboo sticks for marshmallows. Store of Paper Goods at Carol's

FOREST ESCORT SERVICE: **FOREST TOURS:** hikes in woods for new residents. Ivy Gables tour? No takers after Page article. Talked to Marianne, she said walkers want to be independent. Perhaps just announce a woods walk, reach out to new residents directly.

Sign for Tree City to put up. Wayne Knotts put up sign at the Harvey Marsh intersection.

Future Events: **EARTH DAY** is a Saturday! April 22. **Same day as the Christina/Naamans Watershed Clean up.**

ARBOR DAY is April 28-29, Tree planting event.

ACRA: How to use ACRA – communication. Contact for Full Moon walk.

PAGE ideas: December 9th: time change for Moonlight campfire,

10. Other Business – Veolia at Mill Race. They didn't find leak. They aren't sure what they will need to do – they will be in contact with Politis. DISCUSS: Restoration help from Brandywine Tree and Shrub. List of trees shrubs and seeds

Meeting adjourned at 8:00? pm. Next meeting is Monday, January 9 at 6 PM