

Arden Forest Committee Meeting MINUTES Monday, June 20, 2022, 6:00 PM:

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

Called to order 6:00 PM

1. **Admin:** --We approved May minutes.
New chart to update volunteer hours.
Pending Volunteer Hours according to
Need to tell Buzz the meeting time change.
2. **Finance:** Checking Redtail hours for DISC grant. Red Tail contract is pending.
3. Keri sent a report. Nothing new to report.
4. **Current/New Grants/Projects** —DISC Grant ongoing. We should check on signage—might need to be upgraded. They had to fix fencing twice in. Ivy removal is complete.
American Rescue Plan Act Funds: We are going to go with the Foresite bid even though it was higher than the Carroll bid because we have worked with them before, DNREC recommends them. We are guaranteed to get the funding we are applying for because DNREC approves.
5. **Boundaries Encroachment:** We have to treat invasives/garlic mustard at Sunset Farms. We will put more plants in, in the fall.
6. **Invasives:**
-We restrung fishing line deer barrier on upper path between Hillside and St. Martins's to protect Euonymous Americanus—twice. But deer continue to eat. We need another strategy. To Do: We are going to pull garlic mustard, multiflora rose, privet and Burning bush in the Hillside area of Naaman's.
-Volunteers (the committee) was pulling invasives at Mill Race and Hillside pathway down to the creek. Weekly session, ongoing.
-We must schedule removal of Chameleon plant in July Stanko Gordon leasehold. We need to also cut back bamboo and treat by Mandy Tacco and end of St. Martin's Lane in July.
7. **Drainage/Erosion** – We are keeping an eye on the erosion of the bank of Naaman's Creek behind Politis leasehold. We are going to place live Red Dogwood stakes.
8. **Paths/Maintenance** – Carol needs to talk to Dave Jones about calling his friend and get some bridges built.
Put the word out to collect monkey balls for the path maintenance.
We need to spread chips on the path in Sherwood at Hillside.
9. **Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees** -. Got a letter from Heidi Hoegger asking us to check on a Beech. We are still planning a site visit to the Beech at Hoegger.
Dead Tree at The Highway trailhead we need to investigate. Plus trees with dead branches near Bill Theis.
Fire Lane Beeches are lower priority
10. **New Business**—Water company wants to come through Mill Race Property to fix water main break. It will damage our environment. We are in talks with them to find a better way to access the water break that will cause less damage. We have contacted neighbors who would allow them to come through, but the water company doesn't want to go that route.
11. **Community Involvement/Communications/Arden Page**
Next Arden Page July/August: Ask for Photos of Animals in the Ardens, for our Booth; Monkey Balls,

Encourage firefly watching.

Fair Booth: Photos of Animals of the Ardens

Meeting adjourned 6:56 PM. Next meeting is Monday, June 18 at 6 PM.