

Arden Forest Committee Meeting minutes February 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

In attendance Carol Larson, Bev Clendening, Eric Reed, Lisa Wolfe absent: Keri del Tufo. Call to order 6:15 pm

Admin: January minutes approved

Election slate: Carol and Lisa; Stevie and Paul Nolan, Jessica Colgan-Snyder and Dave Jones

Discussion of **Forest Stewardship Policy**. Google Doc online. Add pesticide policy – Bev will look at new draft that includes pesticide and Tree Policy for GTF (Governance Task Force)

2. Finance: Red Tail entry \$296.00 More spending – Tree removals and RedTail work spraying celandine. Didn't have removal of poplar and beech at Hoegggers on budget – check total yet in budget. Supplies to buy – Fishing line, plants, seeds. Tree removals, Red Tail work

3. Current/New Grants/Projects — DISC Grant: Final Report presented January 31 at DISC meeting. Continuing reporting – monthly plant check 3/2, 4/3, 5/4, 6/5, – fence repairs – stronger 40 lb line

Arden Species inventory. Will Ryan / Janet Ebert. Cost \$10,000. **Possibility of just a mapping app?** Put need for inventory in LEAF or Page to build support for \$\$

DISC finished: Schedule for monitoring plants and deer fencing.

4. Boundaries/Encroachment . – Sunset Farms – fence repair, black plastic, fence parts to remove.

Action: check area in March, schedule removals of aggressive plants.

5. Drainage/Erosion . Planting –needed in Fire Lane adjacent area: planting advised in Master Water Plan. Live stakes in eroded areas and bank stabilization: red twig dogwood stakes, willow stakes. **Live stake cutting February 28**

6. Invasive Species Control –Deer population control: areas with *Euonymus americana*. Supports and more fishing line – Lisa monitoring area near her house. Areas in Sherwood could use protection. Bev and Lisa working on barriers along upper path near Hillside

Group work: Steve Nolan's pachysandra/ivy at Highway trail head- Red Tail / Garlic Mustard behind O'Neill/Evans

Red Tail areas to spray. MAP of Celandine to spray from Bev for Naamans, Carol from Sherwood.

Coding/ labeling invasives for residents who want to work on their land. No new requests.

7. Paths and Bridges/Maintenance

Path improvements: WOOD chips from RON, Path improvements: Ask Ron for cookies from oaks coming down.

Lisa and Bev placed monkeyballs on Pool path – remained in the rain.

Grants available ORPT for paths. Consider grant ideas to be ready for preliminary proposal due June 2023.

Hillside Pool path: Keep brick, remove Macadam patches: use cookies and chips

Steps down to Indian Circle need infill – too compacted. Researched need to fill in behind logs or slope will erode. Also, tree cookies have aged and broken down.

Path near Maureen Gordon could use more monkeyballs.

SEATING: Lisa brought photos of Longwood benches – Carol had pic from National park area – Eris will look for suitable logs on pathways. Scout for seating locations: Check Oak log at 2409 Woodland. Eric has a hand truck to move stumps for seating. There are metal supports at the pool to make a bench from.

8. Removals/Monitoring/Inventory of Trees

Ridings dead oak – Theis hangers to be done winter – Ron to be scheduled

9. Community Involvement/Communications/Arden Page

LEAF: Lisa More input for new issue. Edge habitat description for leaseholds on Forest Border.

Lisa: 2022 Patches for volunteer thank yous. Carol has 88 of the 2022 Acorn patch.

EARTH DAY/ WOODS CLEAN UP is Saturday! April 22. Also Christina/Naamans Watershed Clean up.

FOREST MINUTES February 13, 2023 continued

Discussed in-person clean-up with coffee and donuts meeting prior to going out to woods assignments. Have folks return after clean-up to bring bags of trash so we can weigh it and send total to Christina River Watershed organization. We could have cuttings to give away. Talk to NCWA about Sign-up genius.

MAY Gardeners Guild meeting – Bev talked to Hajni GG Guild mistress. Tour DISC site. Talk about invasive removal techniques, Park at Gild Hall, walk to site, return for snacks. May 8, 7:30 (check time)

PAGE in MARCH: EARTH DAY and CLEAN UP Save the date.

Gardeners Guild May discussion: Tour of the DISC site – Invasive removal techniques. Park at Gild/Walk to DISC

10. **Old Business** – Veolia at Mill Race. Jeff Politis sent request for plants.

Adjourn 7:30 (?)

Next meeting Monday, March 13, 2023. 6:00 pm