

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual

Date: August 14th, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Lisa Surbrook

IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Surbrook, Scott Bowers, Kevin Nemeth, John Wendroth, Jeannie Stith

MEETING AGENDA

1. Dates for meetings
2. Tree Permits - representatives, procedure
3. TEDI Tree planting in the Fall
4. Power Line area - invasive plants, plans for the future, grants
5. Vegetation survey oversight/review
6. Events
7. New Business

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Surbrook called the meeting to order. This is the first meeting of the Environment Committee so there were no previous minutes.

1. Dates for meetings

2nd Wednesday of the following months: August, October, January, and April.
Meeting will be virtual - <https://bit.ly/Ardencroft>

2. Tree Permits -

Procedure to request tree removal approval is as follows:

Download a tree removal permit from the Ardencroft website, <https://ardencroft.delaware.gov/tree-removal-permits/>. Send an email to Environment@ardencroft.delaware.gov and notify us that you have a tree removal permit request. A representative from the Environment Committee will visit your leasehold to review the tree in question and give approval. A signed copy of the tree permit will be

returned to you and a copy kept on file by the Environment Committee. Scott Bowers and Kevin Nemeth will be taking the lead on tree permits.

3. TEDI Tree planting in the Fall

John Wendroth will take the lead on the TEDI tree planting. John, Scott, Lisa and Ben will meet in the next few weeks to identify areas where trees are going to be planted and determine next steps for clearing those areas of multiflora rose and other invasives. Jeannie Stith and Lisa Surbrook will work on planning a volunteer event to assist with clearing and planting.

4. Power Line area

Scott Bowers and Lisa Surbrook will take the lead on determining plans for clearing invasive plants, plans for the future of this area, tree watering and possible grants to transform this area.

5. Vegetation Survey oversight/review

Kevin Nemeth and Lisa Surbrook will take the lead on the Vegetation Survey and coordinate with Will Ryan and Ben Gruswitz to determine project status and schedule.

6. Events

Jeannie Stith and Lisa Surbrook will take the lead on event planning. Events for 2024/2025 include:

TEDI Tree area clearing/planting – Fall 2024

Earth Day Clean up and Arbor Day Celebration – April, 2025

Invasive Plant Clearings – Winter 2024 and Spring 2025

Woods Walks - Spring 2025 and Fall 2025

7. New Business

Creek Health – this is a new topic to discuss and determine if there are state resources to have the creek tested. Kevin Nemeth will do some more research.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on October 9th at 7pm, virtually at <https://bit.ly/Ardencroft>

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. and was passed unanimously.