

Wooded Area Meeting May 29, 2018

Hello All!

Yesterday was a very exciting day because of your interest in our trees and wooded areas! Britton Falls can only be better if we figure out how to sustain our woods and care for our trees.

DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT MEETING: So as not to conflict with the AC Meeting on the 19th we will meet the following Tuesday, June 26th at 3:30 in the AC Rm at the Chateau.

Notes from May 29th Meeting

After introducing ourselves to the other 24 in attendance we covered the following:

Two teams will work as sub groups of the Landscape Committee related to BF Trees: The Wooded Area Team led by Susie Hively and the Tree Survey Team led by Sharon DeReamer. Residents are invited to formally join either or both teams by emailing the Team Leader to be sure you receive appropriate information in the future. (susanhively@yahoo.com sderamer1@gmail.com) The Wooded Area Team will be establishing goals and guidelines for the wooded areas and the Survey Team will be comparing the trees that are here with those the PUD indicated would be provided.

Danessa Stoltz was introduced to the group. She is the Fishers' Naturalist and self proclaimed Tree Hugger. Her experience and knowledge have already proven valuable to us.

* For our next meeting she is going to examine the PUD to see how it may differ from Fishers laws and guidelines governing trees as well as find maps of BF that show the placement of the wooded areas.

* She shared the definitions of Conservation Areas and Preservation Areas. Conservation Area are set up to protect the wooded area but can, with appropriate permissions, be used for communal paths, gathering/play areas etc. while Preservation Areas are meant to be maintained in their predevelopment state.

* Her suggestions included: Developing a Plan with goals for the wooded areas, rules that would guide how they will be treated (what can be planted and what should not be added, a process for implementing these rules, a position on invasive plants, bird feeders, dumping etc)

* She suggested a web site that might aid us [INPAWS : Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society](#)