

Forestry Committee Minutes

**Karen Staub's place – Parke County
Monday, June 6, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.**

Intros/ attendees; Bev Pestel, Ron and Lisa Ellis, Keith Ruble, Everett McMichael, Pat and Paul Hoopengartner, Karen Staub, Raoul Moore, Jeremiah Lemons

Minutes of May 2 approved, Bev 1st, Ron 2nd.

Committee reports

1. Real Property see Committee minutes
2. Invasives see Committee minutes

Bob Miller/ Bob Koenig Memorials: Don Carlson has contacted Raoul that everything is good to go. Raoul will pick up in Danville and have daughter run up to Martell.

Ash Tree Situation removal: Nothing to add

Work done at new woods reports; Paul and the Ellises cut vines on most of the flatter ground, they will update Jeremiah's photo later. Raoul and Bev used RU nearer the gate. Locks were discussed; multi keys, combination, multiple locks, unauthorized access.

Fall Moonlight Forestry Course: Jeremiah has not contacted them and visa versa.

Upcoming Events: Clay and Vigo Co 5th grade days after school starts. We have applied for cost share on our new woods but with Susan gone who is lead? Jan Came is on the board and in the office. Brian will bump.

Update on STRC&D new office etc: The new office was discussed. Laura is there on Wednesdays as part of the rent agreement. STRC&D will be sending out a short questionnaire. It will have options to show interest in Forestry. Raoul asked for input into what the Forestry Committee might ask. We need to get more youth. Contacting schools about community service was discussed. Getting more people to turn out to work days and meetings is a problem. Keith told about a tree planting where he and Ron Helms did most of the work as the average age of the volunteers was just short of he and Ron's combined age.

Next meeting 8/8/11 at the Ellises.