

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden (corrected June 29)

Monday, March 27, 2006

Gild Hall – Arden, Delaware

Sixty-three (63) residents were in attendance, as shown below. Of these, 37 attended the last meeting. 22 who attended the last meeting did not attend this meeting. In other years with early voting, attendance at March meetings was 67 in 2005, 62 in 2004 and 101 in 2003. In years before early voting, 55 attended in 2002, 51 in 2001, 63 in 2000, 74 in 1999, 44 in 1998, 66 in 1997, and 55 in 1996.

Bob Address
Ruth Bean
Samuel “Lou” Bean
Steven Blades
Jennifer Borders
Brooke Bovard
Dale Brumbaugh
D. Hays Butler
Marianne Cinaglia
Terry Ann Colgan
Mike Curtis
Alton Dahl
Chris Demsey
John Demsey
Dorinda Dove
Philip R. Fisher
Mick FitzHarris
Willard Glenn
Aaron Hamburger
Sally Hamburger
Stephen Harcourt
Barbara Henry
Elaine Hickey
Randall S. Hoopes

Natalie Hubbard
Rodney Jester
June Kleban
Sharon Kleban
Lynda Kolski
Connee Wright McKinney
Lisa Mullinax
Mary Murphy
Betty O’Regan
Denis O’Regan
Cookie Ohlson
Ron Ozer
Ruth Panella
William Press
Annie Prickett
Peter A. Renzetti
Deborah M. Ricard
Shelley Robyn
Warren Rosenkranz
Rick Rothrock
Sue Rothrock
Kate Sayer
Marvin Sayer
Johanne Schroeder

Danny Schweers
Sally Sharp
Sadie Somerville
Beth Stevenson
Lou Sullivan
Steve Tanzer
Bill Theis
Debbie Theis
Zach Theis
Steven Threefoot
Elizabeth Varley
Cecilia Vore
Larry C. Walker
Laura Wallace
Tom Wheeler

In attendance were new residents Gary E. Quinton and David Michelson. Also in attendance was former resident Sam Starr.

Note: While the meeting was being set up, Willard Glenn, seeing George Brocklesby move a table, kidded him saying, “Don’t move that table while I’m standing here; it gives me motion sickness.” George, without missing a beat, replied, “By the end of this meeting, everyone here is going to have motion sickness.”

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The March, 2006, election of committee members and town officers started from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Then Steven Threefoot, Chair of the Town Assembly, called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Rules were suspended and Registration Committee handed out ballots. Ballots continued to be handed out as the meeting progressed.

The minutes from the last town meeting were approved unanimously, with corrections already having been made to the names of Willard Glenn and Hetty Francke.

Steven remembered Cy Liberman, who passed away recently. On Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a memorial service for Cy, who was a longtime resident of Arden, a Trustee, someone who brought a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the village, and who was a role model for how to behave towards each other and the community. To date, there have been 13 donations in Cy's name to the Sherwood Forest Trust, for a total of \$565. Additional donations can be made. Checks should be made out to "The Village of Arden" with "Sherwood Forest Trust" on the memo line. They can be mailed to 2119 The Highway, Arden, DE 19810.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHAIR

Steven Threefoot noted that Steve Cohen, Ardentown chair, in late February went to the Governor's meeting on pandemics, and then sent out a page and a half of notes. In those notes, Steve pointed out we are overdue as a world for another flu pandemic. The last was 40 years ago, and they occur every 30 years, on average. We should prepare for this. Steve will organize a meeting at The Buzz. Hope to have Safety representatives from each village in attendance.

Steven has received an offer for mosquito spraying this summer by the state. We went through this last year. No spraying is the default. [No one at the meeting moved that we spray, so we won't.]

A statewide discussion about election reform has been going on since January. Legislation has moved forward, and now includes an exemption that covers all three Ardens, according to a lobbyist for the Delaware League of Local Governments.

Steven notes that a resident will be asking for a sense of the Town Assembly about gun control legislation in the House. That will come up under New Business at end of meeting.

T-Mobile and United Water are still in negotiation about putting an antenna on top of the water tower.

County Executive Chris Coons in his Budget Address predicted a 5% tax hike for County. This will translate into a 1.5% or so

increase in our land rent. Coons has consistently said taxes need to rise. We've gone ten years without a tax hike; that respite is at an end.

A Municipal Financial Forum is coming up concerning state and export/import bank. This is of interest to folks doing international business out of their home. Steven welcomes prospective representatives.

Steven encouraged residents to sign up to be organ donors on their Delaware driver's licenses. This can be done on the Internet.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT

Aaron Hamburger made the following report.

3.1 MULTIPLE DOMICILES INITIATIVE

The Trustees have begun meeting with the Community Planning Committee to discuss and develop proposals on the multiple domiciles issues for eventual presentation to Town Assembly. We expect information meetings and public hearings will begin in the May/June period and continue over the summer. The schedule will

Trustees' Report: Receipts and Bank Balances as of March 24, 2006

Checking/Savings	
ARDEN BUILDING & LOAN - TRUSTEE	\$160,853.04
TRUSTEES - WILMINGTON TRUST	203,194.28
VANGUARD	
FUND 30	50,414.85
FUND 33	50,319.26
MSA - FUND 50	<u>36,286.99</u>
Total VANGUARD	<u>137,021.10</u>
Total Assets	501,068.42
Total Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue—Grants	993.29
Fund Balances	
Fund Balance—Sherwood Forest	480.00
Fund Balance—Hurricane Relief	2,666.74
Fund Balance—BWVC Operating Account	5,458.06
—Roof Renovation	18,000.00
—Arden Building & Loan	22,533.93
Fund Balance—Memorial Garden	5,823.00

Trustee Quarterly Report, April 1, 2005 through March 24, 2006

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Income		
DONATIONS	3,148.74	
GRANTS	950.00	
Interest—Trustees Checking Acct.	112.86	
INVESTMENT INCOME	11,880.52	
LAND RENT	380,727.00	384,000.00
LAND RENT FINANCE CHARGE	1,040.17	
MEADOW LANE ACCESS	683.92	
MEMORIAL GARDEN DONATIONS	4,088.00	2,000.00
RIGHTS-OF-WAY	34,952.79	<u>35,000.00</u>
Uncategorized Income	<u>2,914.52</u>	
Total Income	440,496.52	421,000.00
Expense		
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	182.04	300.00
ARCHIVES	1,000.00	1,000.00
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	187.38	50.00
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE ..	9,000.00	15,000.00
CIVIC	81,298.78	81,000.00
COMMUNITY PLANNING	0.00	1,000.00
CONTINGENCIES	0.00	2,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	4,700.00	4,700.00
GILD HALL RENTAL	1,200.00	1,200.00
GRANT EXPENSE	500.00	
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE	0.00	100.00
LOAN PAYABLE	16,179.54	16,179.84
PLAYGROUND	1,761.16	1,750.00
REGISTRATION	839.83	1,200.00
SAFETY	2,483.29	5,400.00
TAXES	277,190.81	261,400.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.	3,048.96	3,500.00
TOWN BOOKKEEPING SERVICE Gross Wages ..	2,609.00	2,616.00
TOWN SECRETARY	6,440.00	6,456.00
TRUSTEE ADMINISTRATIVE	42,514.55	<u>52,508.00</u>
MEMORIAL GARDEN	<u>1,513.69</u>	
Total Expense	452,649.05	457,359.84
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-12,152.53</u>	<u>-36,359.84</u>
Net Income	-12,152.53	-36,359.84

be published in the Arden Page.

We've received a very positive and supportive letter from the New Castle County Department of Land Use indicating they will be ready to work with us on the Arden Proposals once they're approved by Town Assembly.

3.1 BUCKINGHAM GREEN

The Buckingham Green suit continues into its tenth year. As you know we've won the suit but we're now in the remedy stage. Unfortunately, the Judge said both our engineering firm and the defendants engineering firm must work jointly on the remedy proposal.

Frankly, there's little incentive for the defendants to come up a reasonable remedy, so things continue to drag on.

The Buckingham Green issue has been going on for so long that most of you have probably forgotten what it's all about. So, for the benefit of newer residents and older residents with poor memories, let me briefly review the facts.

Before Buckingham Green was built, storm and drain water from Buckingham Heights and surrounding areas flowed onto the Buckingham Green site. The water was absorbed in the ground or gradually drained to Sherwood Forest. When Buckingham Green was developed, this storm water was collected at the road bordering the south side of Buckingham Green, piped underneath Buckingham Green and discharged in one stream to Sherwood Forest. As a result, extensive erosion and tree damage has occurred in Sherwood Forest. We sued the Buckingham Green developers to correct this mess, which we believed was illegal and extremely damaging to our property.

3.3 PROPERTY TRANSFERS

There's been one property transfer since the last Town Assembly.

3.4 FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report reflects our '05-'06 fiscal year end position. At this time the Village is flush with money due to land rent payments. We'll be very rich for the next six months until we have to pay Arden's New Castle County and School taxes in September. As of Saturday, three-quarters of '06 - '07 land rent has been received.

3.5 DISCUSSION

Sue Rothrock: How much have leaseholders put into Buckingham Green lawsuit? Aaron: \$20,000 to \$25,000 range for legal and engineering fees. One defendant has settled already, which covered part of this.

Alton Dahl: What can we do to bring this to a close? What are financial advantages to other defendants? Marianne Cinaglia (who continues as point person) would be happy to hear any ideas. Right now, judge has been pushing for a meeting of engineers and lawyers.

Steven: There were originally three defendants: construction company, LLC, also the maintenance corporation. LLC has settled. Trustees' report is accepted unanimously.

4. RULES SUSPENDED — BALLOT PROBLEM

There is a problem with nominees for Playground. Walter Borders is not running. A separate ballot was issued to cover that election.

5. SAFETY

Denis O'Regan made the following report.

Denis attended the Intergovernmental Coordination Regional Issues Forum at Rockwood Mansion on March 14th. The topic was Emergency Management and Evacuation. All the most powerful people in the County, and some from the State were there. They are holding drills. The next forum, in April, will be on transportation and congestion management. Corporal Amy Kevis, our Community Liaison officer at the New Castle County Police, has been staying on top of the train-track dweller problem. She has been seeing to extra patrols and in contact with the State Police and the railroad company.

A fire in Sherwood Forest was successfully contained by the time Claymont Fire Company arrived. There is a burning ban in NCCo.

Indian Circle problem recently. Pete Renzetti confronted smokers and bikers in the woodlands. Pete noted that there have been two incidents, first, about 8:00 p.m. with underage drinking and again, ten days later about 4:00 p.m., with some of same people, 7–8 people this time. Car license info has been passed on to police and fire marshall. Fire hazard in dry times is significant.

5.1 SAFETY: TOWN WATCH

A rock was thrown through Carol Page's front window, and reported to police. The mailbox at Leslie Holden's rental on Sconset was knocked down.

2/2 Wallet found by Joann Colameco. She is taking it to the owner at his high school.

3/7 12:00 a.m. Mailboxes bashed on Sherwood and Walnut.

Break-in at Toman's rental (connected to their house). Small items taken. Reported to police.

Barbara Conway has made numerous reports in February and

March that “Barry”, the Harvey Road railroad bridge dweller, is living under the bridge and that he seems to have become a host for teenage parties.

The Safety Committee’s report was accepted unanimously.

6. REGISTRATION

Cecilia Vore made the following report.

The Registration Committee is conducting the election of standing committees and officers tonight. Votes will be counted at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, in Room 4 of the Buzz Ware Village Center. All are welcome to observe. Results will be posted Thursday, March 30, on the bulletin boards and on TheArdens.com website.

Ruth Panella: How will confusion about Playground Committee affect early voters? Cecilia: if there is a close vote, we will have another vote at the June Town Meeting.

Steven Threefoot noted that Advisory Committee Chair is Town Parliamentarian, now that Legislative Reference is no longer a committee.

This report was accepted unanimously.

7. PLAYGROUND

Larry Walker made the following report.

Since the last Town Meeting, the required two Playground Equipment Inspections were made, and the equipment was adult tested for safety. The necessary equipment repairs have been made, which included repairing a bench at the Green Lane end of the Village Green. All equipment appears to be in good and safe condition.

This Spring the main effort will be the addition of wood chips under the playground equipment. Over time, the wood chips break down, decay, and are kicked away, but keeping a thick bed of chips is the best way to provide a cushion for times when a child accidentally falls. According to the national statistics on playground safety, over 80% of all playground injuries are the result of falls from equipment. A soft landing surface makes a great difference in reducing injuries.

Willard Glenn: Picnic bench to the left of Buzz Ware Village Center (BWVC), who takes care of that? Answer: BWVC.

This report was accepted unanimously.

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING

Terry Colgan made the following report.

At the January Town Meeting, the Community Planning Committee was asked to report back on the status of four unoccupied houses in the Village. Since then, one of the houses has been sold and there is visible evidence of renovation. None of the houses are currently in violation of Arden or County ordinances. The Safety Committee reports the unoccupied houses are not being vandalized or broken into. And, the Trustees are in regular contact with the owners of the other three houses. So, the Committee doesn't feel it's necessary for us to take any further action at this time.

The owners of the Weave Shop initiated a call to the Trustees to state their intention to renovate the property. They will make a significant investment in order to have the building fully rented by the end of 2007.

The Committee had the first of what will be a series of meetings with the Trustees on March 16, to discuss issues about multiple domiciles in the Village. The Committee will be working closely with the Trustees to develop a proposal that we hope the Town Assembly will be prepared to approve through a vote at the September Town Meeting. To get us there, we will hold open meetings in which residents can give their input to the Trustees and the Committee. The first of these public meetings will be in May. We'll use the *Arden Page* to keep residents informed about meeting dates and the status of this important discussion.

The next meeting of the Community Planning Committee and the Trustees will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 7:30 at the BuzzWare Village Center.

This report was accepted unanimously.

8.1 MEMORIAL GARDEN

Ruth Bean announced that there will be a cleanup on Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Rain date is following Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come with favorite handtools, energy, appetite and thirst. Anyone with a relative with Christmas decorations, please remove them.

This report was accepted unanimously.

9. CIVIC

Sue Rothrock made the following report.

Second Reading of Woods Closure Ordinance:

"The land known as the Arden Woods and the Sherwood Forest will be closed at dusk and opened at dawn. Permission for special events can be granted by the committee responsible for the forests and the Town Secretary."

Steven Threefoot: At next meeting, after third reading, we will vote on the ordinance.

Brooke Bovard: Do we have an enforcement component? Sue: Yes. This ordinance means we can post signs and call police.

Spring Cleanup: Please join the Civic and Forest Committee and the Planning Committee in the annual spring cleanup of the woods and waterways of the Ardens from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 22. We will be meeting at the water tower in the Sherwood Forest and at Marsh and Millers in the Arden forest. Bags and gloves will be provided. Bring your waders! We will meet at Pete Renzetti's house on the creek for refreshments afterwards.

Also on Saturday, April 22, the Civic Committee will be sponsoring an Electronics Recycling Day. Bring your old electronics to the Buzz Ware parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A complete list of acceptable items will be on the bulletin boards of the Ardens and there are also some on the table.

We will have a large item bulk pickup on Saturday, April 29. This pickup is for large items such as couches, washers and dryers, and refrigerators. However, any item that contains refrigerants must have the refrigerants removed and be tagged by a qualified technician. Also tires and propane tanks are not accepted. A notice will be mailed to your home. Arden resident Larry Walker can be contacted for items not accepted in the special bulk pickup. Since Arden residents enjoy the bulk pickup as Arden Free Yard Sale Days, we encourage you to start putting out items for pickup the weekend before.

Weed 'n' Walk: If you would like to join the Ardens' Weed 'n' Walk, they will be working in the area of the Candlelight Theater tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Weed 'n' Walk travels around the three Arden's clearing trees of ivy and removing other invasive weeds. If you would like to be put on the list of helpers, please call Elaine Schmerling and she will contact you before every walk.

Theater, Greens, Indian Circle: I would like to remind everyone that the Field Theater is available for rent for private occasions. Please contact the Town Secretary for information, 475-3516. If the event is open to all residents of the three Ardens, there is no rental fee. However, you must still get permission so there is no conflict in the scheduling of events.

I would also like to remind everyone that large events on the Greens and campfires at Indian Circle require a permit from the Civic Committee and the Town Secretary. Please contact the Town Secretary for a permission form, 475-3516.

Stream Watch: Marianne Cinaglia will be conducting a

stream watch in Arden in April. If you would like to join her in testing the chemical makeup of our streams, please contact her.

9.1 FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE

Sally Sharp encouraged people to inform her and other Forest Committee members of incidents such as fires in the forests. We have met infrequently, due to scheduling conflicts. We are addressing encroachment and refuse deposits by households adjacent to our forests. A letter from Steven Threefoot will be sent out to those households. We plan to erect a fence to deal with these issues, at a cost of \$3,500. There is a plan to construct a small, flat bridge near Broadbents. Ivy has been cut in Sherwood Forest. Thanks to Danny Schweers' sharp eyes, a million styrofoam peanuts were cleaned up in Perkins Run by him, Virginia Henry [who moved to Arden last Thanksgiving], Elaine Schmerling, and myself. Any help keeping the forest clean is appreciate.

Rodney Jester: Where is "No Parking Sign" on Sunset Lane?
Sue: We have the replacement.

This report was accepted unanimously.

10. BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER

Willard Glenn made the following report.

Garage Sale: The Buzz Ware Village Center would like to thank all those who supported our garage sale fund raiser this past Saturday. Many great donations helped us raise over \$2,500 that benefits the Center. Time does not permit me to mention all who donated time and goods. This was also a good experience for the committee working together toward our goal of making it a success and setting the ground work for future fund raisers to keep us on a good financial track.

Potential Renters: With events such as the coffee house, farewell parties and baby showers, the building is getting exposure to potential renters. With our flyers and our new Web pages on TheArdens.com, we are getting noticed. The Web pages feature information on the building's history, room sizes, and an on-line calendar of events. We are now encouraged by the strong possibility of the YMCA returning part time with a weekly 9:00 a.m. to noon pre-schooler program. This will be discussed at our monthly meeting this Wednesday, March 29, at the Buzz, at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to supporters, especially Rete Archer: In closing I want to thank many of you for your support and suggestions in the past several months. The Buzz would like to wish Rete Archer well and thank her for dedication and contribution of hard work to the

Village of Arden
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER BUDGET
 March 25, 2006 to March 24, 2007

INCOME

Rentals Fees	\$ 5,000
Interest	800
Other Income	
BWVC Activities	900
Donation, Ardencroft	1,000
Donation, Ardentown	1,100
Donations, other	500
Village of Arden - Capital Improvements	<u>6,000</u>
Total Income	<u>\$15,300</u>

EXPENSES

Administrative/Programs	\$1,000
Custodian	7,000
Capital Improvements	5,000
Maintenance & Supplies	2,000
Utilities	
Electricity	1,800
Oil	2,000
Water	300
Phone	<u>600</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,700</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS)	<u>(\$4,400)</u>

Estimated Reserve Funds - 3/25/06	\$39,000
Estimated Reserve Funds - 3/24/07	\$34,600

Buzz as she moves on to another stage in her life.

Cecilia Vore: On April 7, Wilmington Storytellers present “April Foolery: stories of noodleheads and numbskulls” at the Buzz. The report was accepted unanimously.

11. BUDGET — no report.

Steven noted that this committee has not met the last quarter.

12. AUDIT

Cookie Ohlson made the following report.

A spot check for accuracy and accountability on the books for the last quarter has found all to be in order.

The report (the shortest on record) was accepted unanimously with applause.

13. ASSESSORS

Elizabeth Varley reported that the Assessors have been meeting regularly and that the next meetings are scheduled for April 18, May 16 (Public Hearing), June 6 (Public Hearing) and June 20 (if necessary). We will meet on those days at 7:30 p.m. at the Buzz Ware Village Center. All meetings are open.

The report was accepted unanimously.

14. ARCHIVES

Lisa Mullinax made the following report.

Two AAUW groups recently visited the Arden Craft Shop Museum. Terry Colgan led one group of about twenty people, and Barbara Macklem led another group of twenty. The Museum received many compliments. We encourage everyone to come by. We have new items on display, including several new acquisitions. The Museum is open Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 p.m., and Sundays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

June Kleban: I went by last Sunday and it was closed. Lisa: There is a problem with volunteers; not everyone shows up when scheduled.

The report was accepted unanimously.

14.1 ARDEN CRAFT SHOP MUSEUM

Aaron: All is well, so no formal report. Anyone with rental property must be registered with NCCo but, incorporated areas do not need to register rental units. That includes the Ardens.

15. OLD BUSINESS — none.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth Varley, speaking as a private citizen, said:

There is pending legislation (HB 359) that would change Delaware from a “may issue” state to a “shall issue” state regarding carrying concealed firearms. Currently someone in Delaware who wants to carry a concealed weapon must apply to a judge and show a reason why they should be able to walk around in public carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The judge has the ability to say yes or no (thereby making Delaware a “may issue” state, meaning the judge has the discretion to approve or disapprove.) The pending legislation takes a lot of that discretion away from the judge. The judge will now need a reason to turn the applicant down as opposed to a reason for granting a license to carry a concealed weapon, thus putting the burden of proof on the state instead of the individual. If

the judge has no clear reason to deny the application, the Judge “shall issue” the permit.

Given the number of stories we already hear about children finding firearms with tragic results, and, more importantly for this discussion, cases of “road rage” that end with someone being shot, I firmly believe this is a very poor piece of legislation. It will endanger more citizens than it will protect, I urge all residents to contact both Wayne Smith and Cathy Cloutier (both co-sponsors of the bill) and let them know how you feel about HB 359.

Further, I urge the Village to pass the following motion:

Moved that the following message be sent to all our elected officiate, especially Wayne Smith, Cathy Cloutier, and Ruth Ann Minner.

To Wayne Smith and Cathy Cloutier,

The Village of Arden, being mindful of the right of personal choice as well as the right to personal safety, opposes passage of HB 359. We respectfully request that you withdraw your sponsorship of this legislation, and actively speak against it, and vote against it in any and all action in the House and Senate.

To Governor Minner,

The Village of Arden, being mindful of the right of personal choice as well as the right to personal safety, opposes passage of HB 359. If this legislation should come to your desk we respectfully request you veto this, and any other similar bill which changes the way the state of Delaware shall issue permits to carry concealed deadly weapons.

This motion was seconded by Ruth Bean.

Aaron Hamburger: Lots of recent publicity in News Journal. All of the police chiefs in the State of Delaware are opposed to this bill.

Steve Tanzer: Support the motion. Fears are well founded. Cannot think of one good public policy reason that this legislation should be passed.

Alton Dahl: In a fit of pique, at a previous meeting we approved a policy about about passing resolutions; that such resolutions should be well advertised before each meeting and that the vote be made part of any publicity, including those in favor, against, and abstaining.

The motion was unanimously approved by the 56 in attendance.

17. GOOD AND WELFARE

Sue Rothrock noted that Sadie Somerville and Rodney Jester were married on March 15.

Pete Renzetti boasted that his wedding to Annie Prickett is scheduled for April.

Lynda Kolski told a story about a cat recently stranded in a tree, up there for three days. The fire company, SPCA, no one would help. Mike Curtis climbed the tree and rescued the cat. (Applause.)

Larry Walker offered, for reasonable fees, to take freon-filled items, tires, and other large items to the dump.

Brooke Bovard: Drumlin, her son, is collecting stories about the old pool site.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Danny N. Schweers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

Danny N. Schweers, Secretary