

October 4, 2017 Minutes, Playground Committee

Members in attendance: Daryl Holcomb, Ruth Panella, Larry Walker (Eric contacted Daryl and Carl is away)

Met inside. Inspection of Arden Green done prior to this meeting by Ruth; Sherwood, to be done on 10/5/17 by Daryl. Previous minutes were approved by email (Daryl, Carl, and me). Larry assured us that fall-zone mulch covering is recommended but not required as a safety “alert” on inspection form. Danny Schweers questioned about light that is out at basketball court—“Civic or Playground? BWVC says not their responsibility.” Larry says it is Civic’s responsibility via Delmarva contract. Noted dismaying reality of Larry’s and Carl’s terms ending in March/April. Larry says he will allow nomination. Don’t know about Carl as he is travelling. Learned from Larry that we can now go to winter- schedule of skipping meetings and inspections in Nov., Jan., and March. Daryl on picnic table plan: not necessary or welcomed. Next meeting: December 6, 2017.

Work achieved (September 6—October 4, 2017)

- turned in purchase order for Mr. Mulch \$940. (Sept. bill) (Ruth)
- 24 cu. yds. of mulch spread on Arden Green’s horses, double-humpy, upper swing set and jungle gym (Larry and Ruth)
- bench in Soldiers’ Memorial, cemented-in (Daryl)

Upcoming and/or unfinished work

- more mulch onto fall-zone areas; bushing (a non-urgent leftover from 8/2/17 Note: one of us should learn this repair as it is being done); removal of horses for maintenance (Larry)
- measure diameter of basketball rim for replacement (any one of us)
- begin to wire-brush and paint over rust on equipment—most particularly at ground level and, to a workable degree, below it (any one or two of us)
- alter our meeting-schedule (skipping of Nov., Jan., March) onto Playground, BWVC, Advisory websites; ask Al Marks and call Danny regarding question of basketball light; learn Carl’s opinion about picnic-table desirability and then talk with Civic (Ruth)
- think of/seek out residents who might well allow their being nominated for Playground Committee. We need at least 5 more names. (all of us)

New business We have an email account now at playground@arden.delaware.gov (FOIA- req’d) To access, go to arden.delaware.gov/webmail // --I forgot to mention that we are now able to make approved purchases at Action Hardware in Branmar. David Michelson has set up an account for Playground. I will verify that by a “trial run.” --R

Submitted by Ruth P.