

Request for Special Town Assembly

We, the undersigned, request that a special Town Assembly of the Village of Arden be held on Monday July 16, 1973 for the purposes of hearing the third reading and voting on the proposed amendment to Ordinance Number 4 - Use of Commons, and to approve rules proposed for use of the commons under the amended ordinance.

1. *Wm A. Hoff*
2. *Michael K. Cantle*
3. *Richard L. Chynk*
4. *W. C. Puss Jr*
5. *Mary Moly*
6. *Frank Abutinsky*
7. *Walter B. Budin*
8. *Cecil Liberman*
9. *Aaron S. Hamburger*
10. *Ted G. Davis*
11. *Pat Davis*
12. *Alton Hill*
13. *Jugenia Skypka*
14. *Edith Warr*
15. *Rae Kerstus*
16. *Vera L. Pierce*
17. *Deborah Colgan*
18. *Jal Teravall*
19. *Sandra Kerwick*
20. *David W. Adkins*
21. *Pamela G. Adkins*
22. *Helen L. Macklem*
23. *C. N. Howard*
24. *John Grimaldi*
25. *Johnie Grimaldi*

A special Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on July 16, 1973 in the Gild Hall with Chairman, William Press, presiding.

The meeting was called at the request of more than 25 registered voters to hear and act on the third and final reading of the proposed amendments to Ordinance Number 4-Use of Commons.

After a quorum was declared present, the minutes of the July 9 Town Assembly were read and on motion approved.

The ordinance with the amendments suggested at the July 9 meeting was circulated.

Section 7 Violations. Motion was made and seconded that the minimum fine be increased to \$25 in stead of \$10.

Temma Tanzer said that she felt that perhaps a \$25 fine would be too high for some sections of the ordinance. Others felt that a \$25 fine might be a deterrent and might get faster results in clearing up the parking and misconduct on the greens. Richard Lynch pointed out that if there is an unknowing violation of the ordinance, the fine could be suspended.

The amendment to the ordinance was passed.

Motion was made and passed that amendments to Ordinance 4- Use of Commons as read and amended be approved.

Rules for use of Arden Commons were reviewed.

Rule 1 on motion was amended to read: Alcoholic Beverages- No possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted at any time. The motion was approved.

Rule 2- Recreational Equipment. The last sentence on motion was changed to read" Possession or use of hazardous equipment such as archery and guns, including air guns, is forbidden. The motion was approved.

Section 5. A motion was made and seconded to amend it to read: No person or group shall occupy the Arden Green bounded by Millers Road, Cherry Lane, Green Lane, and Woodland Lane or the Frank Stephens Memorial Theater or any of the Village forests, between dusk and dawn without the permission of the Chairman of the Civic Committee or his designate(s.)

During the discussion of this proposed amendment it was pointed out that it is not the intent of this rule to bottle up the town in a tight curfew. It is the hope that we can limit the curfew on the Arden greens as soon as the gatherings there cease to be a habit. If the problem does develop in the forests, we can make another rule. We should use caution and vigilance and report misuse of the forests.

The motion was defeated.

It was suggested that Rule 5 should have an expiration date. A motion was made that rule 5 have a self expiration date of January 1, 1975. The motion was carried with 33 ayes and 26 nays.

If the problem does reoccur on the greens, we can set a different date for expiration. Some still feel that the curfew is a dangerous repression of our rights.

Change of rules only take one meeting.

Richard Lynch reported that he has been in contact with the State Police and they are ready to enforce the ordinance and rules as soon as they are adopted. Copies of the rules will be posted around the area and residents will get a letter advising them of the new Safety Rules, a copy of the Ordinance 4 and rules as amended and notification as to how to get permission to use the greens.

A motion was made and passed that the rules be adopted in their entirety as mended.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morley,
Secretary