

9-4-18 CIVIC MINUTES

Present: Al Marks, Mick Fitzharris, Carol Larson, Visitor: Ed Rohrbach

Call to order 7:38. Minutes from August need to be reviewed.

Greens: Al discussed renovation of greens with Sean Vaneerden:

Roll out ruts, aerate, topsoil, seed as needed @ \$1800. Al will ask Arden Club for payment. Since we were going to aerate anyway perhaps split the bill: \$1200 for AC, \$600 for CIVIC

Al will get particulars on the herbicide that the grounds keepers (VanNeerden) is using so that we will have information for town meeting. A price for manual removal of weeds along curbstones is needed for comparison.

Administrative:

Barrish leasehold survey (2316 Walnut Lane) : Hedge along Apple Tree Lane is on Town Land. Civic believes this right of way issue is the responsibility of the Safety Committee. Carol will contact Brooke Bovard.

Budget: Funds remaining this year at \$25,000. \$1800 for greens repair (Arden Club covering) We await the Municipal Street Aid. \$4000 estimate from Ron for the Harvey road oak removal. We budget \$10,000 for plowing but this is a high estimate.

Paths: Al reports that bamboo is coming up in the Clubhouse path. We will need to speak to Danny Schweers regarding control of his bamboo. Al suggested that wider paths at Clubhouse and Milky Way would make it handicap accessible. We will have to consider budgeting for these projects.

Tree Report: Ed Rohrbach brought in leaves from stressed oak trees on the green. They should be monitored Red Oak and Pin (scarlet?)

He might have misidentified the Chestnut on Harvey Road that died. A Chinese Chestnut? Not American

The Fels Oak will need the dead wood pruned out and the sagging limb assessed and probably removed. Carol contacted Ed Zunino of Tree Huggerz to assess the Fels Oak

The large white oak on Harvey still needs to come down. Ron has said he is waiting for the ground to be dry enough. We need to pressure him. Carol will call.

We need to limb up the Swamp White oaks on the northern half of the Arden Green. Ed Rohrbach said he would work on it.

Al advised that we need to do stump grinding throughout the green. Carol will talk to Ron about it.

We discussed writing a tree planting grant to the Urban and Community Forestry Program, Delaware Forest Service for January. Trees on the list: Sugar maples for the North end of the green, Field theater tree replacements, Trees for Memorial Garden "Overflow" that can tolerate standing water (bald cypress and tupelo), replace dogwoods on Sherwood Green (trees are aging), A shade tree in front of the Buzz to replace the dying conifer, trees along St. Martin's Lane to replace leaning trees.

The Bus Stop on Harvey at the Sweep is in progress. Size, estimates and Town approval are still in the works.

Discussion of community members to serve on the Civic Committee. We will need replacements for departing members.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.