Community Planning Committee
Minutes, 21 May 2008

Present: Ron Meick, Danny Schweers, Ray Seigfried, Sally Sharpe. Absent: Terry Colgan, Michael Falstad.

Ray Seigfried called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

SHOPPING MALL PLANS

The Woodlawn Trustees and a subsidiary of the Stoltz Brothers Development Company want to develop the southwest corner of Concord Pike (Hwy. 202) and Naamans Road. Just before the CCOBH meeting on May 8, the proposal was pulled. It is expected that it will be re-submitted in a more palatable form.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

Revision of the description of this committee, found on the Arden website - www.arden.delaware.gov - was postponed until the next meeting. The description is as follows:

The Community Planning Committee plans the “physical and cultural future of the community.” It works with other committees to plan projects that have a major impact on the village, such as forest stewardship, watershed protection, landscape plans for the greens, Harvey Road traffic, and historic landmark status. It monitors county and state issues (such as re-zonings). The committee also has a few non-planning responsibilities that have historically fallen to it, including overseeing the Memorial Garden (cemetery).

ADU ORDINANCE

Steven Threefoot made extensive revisions to the letter to be mailed to residents. The revised letter was then examined by the committee. The hope is to mail out the letter by June 1, and for the committee to verify applications in July. Then, with other two villages, a letter of certification will be sent to the Department of Land Use of New Castle County.

LEASEHOLD DIVISION

New Castle County requires a lot be at least 13,000 sq.ft. before they will consider allowing subdivision. The leaseholder seeking subdivision has a lot that is only 10,000 sq.ft. For this and other reasons, the Village Trustees, meeting with Planning Committee Chair Ray Seigfried, will probably decide to deny the application for subdivision.

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES OF THE PENDULUM FUND

Ron Meiek passed out the 3/3/08 draft of the Investment Guidelines of the Pendulum Fund, the fund created from the gift to the village from Johanne
Schroeder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Buzz Ware Village Center. The next meetings are June 18 and July 23. We will not meet in August.

We adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danny Schweers, Committee Secretary