

Community Planning Committee (C.P.C.) - Village Of Arden

Minutes Of Meeting Held On Wednesday May 20, 2015

Present: Ray Seigfried, Cynthia Dewick, Larry Strange, Ron Meick and Dan McNeil

Absent: Sally Sharp

Meeting called to order by Ray Seigfried as the Committee Chairman at 7:05 PM

The minutes of the meeting for April 2015 were reviewed, discussed and approved.

The topics addressed in this meeting include: (1) FEMA Resolution, (2) Memorial Garden / Community Garden Sub-Committees; and (3) Vacant Housing Ordinance

Guest Appearance: None

F.E.M.A. Resolution

Ray has been diligently working over the past year with John Cartier (Arden's County Representative) and Dave Carpenter (County's FEMA Specialist) on the Village's official induction into the F.E.M.A. program. The application has been approved by both New Castle County and the State of Delaware and is ready for submission to the United States Government. Ray will continue to follow up with the county and state.

It was subsequently disclosed in an email dated May 29, 2015 from Dave Carpenter (N.C.C.) and Greg Williams (D.N.R.E.C.) that the application has been officially submitted to F.E.M.A. for approval.

Memorial Garden / Community Garden Sub-Committee

The Memorial Garden and the Community Garden are both officially designated as sub-committees of the C.P.C. A presentation to the Village Assembly is required annually on the state of operation for each sub-committee. It was generally agreed that this annual wrap-up presentation should occur at the last assembly of the calendar year. Ray indicated that the two sub-committees will be notified that presentations should be prepared for the Village Assembly in September 2015.

Village of Arden Vacant Housing Ordinance

The Village's Vacant Housing Ordinance has now been in effect for three years. It is noted that the collected monies are being accounted for in a separate account maintained by the Village Treasurer. Ray indicated that the next task of the C.P.C. is to determine an appropriate use of the collected monies to date.

Ray reiterated that the C.P.C. must spend the collected fines in a manner consistent with the ordinance in order to preclude being represented as a tax. Ideas were offered.

The meeting was adjourned by Ray Seigfried as Committee Chairman at 7:41 PM

Meeting minutes compiled and prepared by Dan McNeil.