

A special meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on July 13, 1970 to consider the second readings of Ordinance # 4 - Use of Common and Ordinance # 5 - Noise. The meeting was presided over by Wallace Pries, Chairman.

After a quorum was declared present, Mr. Aazar, Hamburg, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, circulated copies of the Ordinance. He stated that the final changes cannot be acted upon until the third reading of the Ordinance.

There was considerable discussion concerning Ordinance # 4 Section 2 -

The consensus of the meeting was that overnight camping should not be permitted on the greens by anyone. There have been some instances of fires set on the greens and it was felt some they should be written into the ordinance to prohibit that.

A motion was made and passed to amend Section 2 to read:

No person or group shall sleep or camp overnight on the greens or other commons of Arden.

No person or group shall sleep or camp overnight on the forests without written permission of one of the Trustees of Arden or the Chairman of the Town Assembly or the Chairman of the Civic Committee or a designate of the above listed people.

If permission is not granted, reason for the refusal of the request shall be made in writing to the applicant.

It was suggested that the committee contact commissioners of other communities to find out what their restrictions on fire of parks were.

Don Colgan requested that we not have too many restrictions.

It was felt that open fires should not be permitted except in designated areas.

A motion was made & passed that following should be added to section 4.

" Open fires shall not be permitted on the greens or forest of Arden except at places in the forest designated by the Civic Committee.

However no fires shall be permitted at times the State Fire Marshall proclaims a ban on outdoor fires.

Ordinance No. 5.

Section 2 - add after create - permit to be created. This it will read:

No person shall create a permit to be created any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the Valley.

Section 3 a motion was amended to add.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause excessive noise.

No person shall ~~operate~~ operate a motor vehicle the brakes or muffler or other parts of which are in such a state of disrepair or maladjustment as to allow excessive noise.

The question of barking dogs was considered.

It was decided that Section 4 could be amended to include dogs.

The title of section 4 could read "Rabies, Phonographs, orchestras, Dogs etc." A motion was made and passed 37 to 19 to add to Section 4. the following:

No person shall allow an unattended dog outside of its owners' domicile to bark between the hours of 10 P.M. and 10 A.M.

It was felt that in order to give the town police enough authority to enforce these ordinances, he should be included with an and/or clause.

Many people were reluctant to have the police officer allowed to make the decision as to who was creating a disturbance.

It was felt the behavior of the residents was a matter that should be handled by the community and not the police.

It was felt that the police officer should have the authority to arrest in the case of excessive noise by motor vehicles.

A motion was made and passed that ordinance 5 Section 6 should add:

"In considering violation of section 3 testimony of an arresting officer may be deemed to be sufficient."

A meeting is to be held on July 23, 1970 to consider control of the greens. Some four young people are concerned about our proposed ordinance and have asked to meet with interested people.

The third reading of these ordinances will
be at the September town assembly.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary