

Civic Meeting Minutes

April 9 2019

Attendance: Al Marks, Mick Fitzharris, Harold Kalmus & Mark Wood.

Guests: Carol Larson & Ed Rohrabach.

Mark Wood, Civic Committee Convener, commenced meeting at 7:34 p.m., at which time he handed out hard copies of the following for each to read:

*The Responsibilities of Village of Arden Chairperson,
Freedom of Information Act: Checklist,
Conflict of Interest Policy for the Village of Arden, De*

Mark also conducted election for Civic Chairman. Al Marks was unanimously voted in.

March 2019 Civic Minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda

Street Name Change

Sherry Burke resides at 2116 Sherwood Road. She lives on a side street, Sherwood Road, that stems off of the main road with the same name (Sherwood Rd).

Technically, it is the same road, which causes confusion because her house number disappears from the main Sherwood Road house numbering system and it is hard to

find her side street nevertheless her house number. She is concerned that emergency vehicles will not be able to locate her should she every need their services.

She asked for a street name change on the side street where she lives. She wants to change the name from Sherwood Road to Cottage Lane. She has contacted various New Castle County officials who provided her with a form to be filled out that requires signature by Representative John Cartier and Village of Arden Chairman for approvals. Civic Committee unanimously approved the name change, provided that it does not affect setbacks and has areas that allows oncoming cars to pass each other.

Cleanup

Dave Claney cleaned up Soldier Memorial, area in front of the playground, fire hydrant area on The Green, rain garden and Field Theater.

Bus Stop Shelter

Bus Stop Shelter drawings by Harold Kalmus. Harold will try to get dimensions on drawings before his medical procedure scheduled for early May. Mark Wood and Al Marks will evaluate drawing and move forward with plan and location

Sherwood Green

At the March Town Assembly the Civic Committee reported that the committee will start repairing the marshy grass areas of the Sherwood Green by leveling flat, but at an angle for drainage. They will use Gypson pellets which will make the soil less acid and works well with clay. Use starter fertilizer and sow the grass like an athletic field mix that is designed to handle a lot of traffic. Seed and grass grow through the grates and reseed a second time. They will rope off the area. Pat Toman, Arden Club Chairman, agrees this needs to be addressed and will contribute to costs. Buzz Ware Village Center also uses area along with the club.

Tree

Utility checked all areas where trees are scheduled to be planted. Thirteen trees will be planted where orange stakes have been installed and will need water them.

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<u>Location and conditions</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Common name</u>	<u>quantity</u>	<u>caliper</u>	<u>address</u>	<u>GPS</u>
<u>Memorial Garden</u> Very wet	Nyssa sylvatica	Tupelo or black gum	3x	1 ½-2"	1800-1808	39°48'35"N, 75°29'13"W
	Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress	2x	1 ½ -2"	Harvey Rd.	39° 48'44"N, 75° 29'14"W
<u>Village Green</u> Sun med	Acer Saccharum	Sugar Maple "Legacy"	3x	2-2 ½	1801 Green Ln	39°48'45"N, 75°29'2"W
<u>Sherwood Green</u> Sun med/moist.	Cornus florida	Dogwood	2x	1-1 ½	2124 Hwy	39°48'25" N, 75°29'22" W
	Tilia americana prefer var. heterophylla	Linden, Basswood	1x	2"	2119 Hwy	39° 48' 34" N, 75° 29' 2" W
<u>Field Theater</u> Sun, pt. sun/moist	Crataegus viridis	Washington Hawthorn "Winter king" or "Cockspur" (No thorns)	1x	1-1 ½	2311 Woodland Ln	39°48'33" N, 75°29'09" W
<u>Buzz Ware Village Center</u> Sun, dryer	Magnolia virginiana	Magnolia sweet bay	1x	1-1 ½	2119 Hwy	39°48'34" N, 75°29'13" W

Street addresses are closest named address, sometimes they are across the street from the park.

Field Theater

The drain located behind the Field Theater is working after a trench was dug.

Shakespeare Gild built a platform behind the rock to be used for the upcoming Romeo and Juliet play. The platform is temporary. The Shakespeare Gild and the Arden Club stated that they will assume all liability.

Memorial

At the March Town Assembly meeting Civic reported that they are interested in honoring June Kleban, who has recently passed away, with a memorial. They like the idea of the playground slide, since she was the first one to go all the way to the top

and slide down, at the tender age of 90 plus years young. The committee would like to propose a statue to be located near slide. Mark Wood will develop a proposal to be presented to Community Planning for their approval, and then to be presented to the Village for their input and approval.

Meeting Adjourned 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Resko,
Arden Village Secretary