

The Board of Assessors
Village of Arden
Meeting March 25, 2020 BWVC

Meeting conducted by ZOOM virtual meeting platform in view of corona virus social distancing measures.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Mark Wood

Present: Mark Wood, Pam Politis, Tom Wheeler, John Scheflen, Debbie Ricard, Brooke Bovard, and Elizabeth Varley

1. Two amendments to minutes proposed concerning Craft Shop Museum discussion. Motion to amend February Meeting minutes approved. Amended minutes to be circulated and posted.
2. Mark Wood reviewed the land rent factors applied in the assessment last year.
3. A new factor was proposed to provide land rent relief to those leaseholds held by non-profits. The proposal included a negative 10% factor for properties held by 501(c)(3) entities. Discussion of the proposal included several considerations, including 1) the absence of property and school tax burden associated with 501(c)(3) entities; 2) non-profit operations concern the use/improvement of land and are not connected to the intrinsic properties of the land; 3) other factors historically applied are tied to location, zoning, or other properties connected to the land; 4) consistency in factors from year to year provides predictability in assessment and land rent, and a novel factor disrupts consistency.
4. Straw poll regarding factors taken. Unanimous support for applying the same factors as the last assessment.
5. Next Meeting April 29, 7:30.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Future Meeting Notes

- Public meetings: May 27, 2020 at 7:30 pm, with an additional public hearing on June 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm
- April 29: C and D Rates
- May 27: ADU Discussion and Public Meeting.