

Arden Civic Committee Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

7:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Approval of August 11, 2020 Minutes

* Meadow Lane Resurfacing Report & Discussion

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 - 2212 Mill Rd. Request
 - Paving Plans for This Fiscal Year
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- Tree Work
 - White Pine on Village Green
 - Follow-up on Identified Trees
- Greens
- Seasonal Contract Oversight
 - Waste Management Pilot Feedback
 - Snow Removal: Prep Fee Refund
- Miscellaneous

Other Old Business

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Zoom Meeting Information

Meeting Link:

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Tuesday, September 15, 2020
7:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Steve Benigni, Rick Ferrell, Carol Larson, Harold Kalmus.

Absent: Mark Wood.

Call to Order - Steve Benigni, Chairman, commenced Zoom meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Approval of minutes – August 2020 Minutes approved as presented.

Meadow Lane Resurfacing Report & Discussion

Rick will meet with Jeff to discuss sealing of joints.

The swale that was spec out by the engineers was a sort of belt and suspenders and probably would not have been needed if they knew that there was going to be a pipe under the concrete. Rick surmises that it would have functioned as paving rather than concrete because of the volume of water that is being handled pretty efficiently as a result of the pipe. Now there is no water that travels on top of road from the spring to the creek because that is now handled under the road with pipe. There was a decision to not let the swale just terminate shy of the creek without further coming up with something that would guide the water in. So, they created a bank shot that sort of moved another piece of concrete up the base of the tree.

Steve asks, once the deed was done, did they mitigate it as best they could?

Rick pints out that it was the change order in the field that they did not see coming.

In terms of the paving itself, Rick thinks it is a decent job and will wear as intended for years to come. Rick learned how much ground water was an issuer for those who live in that area and does not believe that will be the case in the future. Time will tell.

Future Civic Committee Procedure for Infrastructure repairs

It is a case by case basis. Each case to be evaluated to see if historical information is needed and what type of professional would be needed. As a philosophy the question is - Is it maintenance or corrections or failed infrastructure?

Sub-contracting

The contractor who was hired subcontracted both aspects of the job; the paving and concrete work. Jeff prefers that we hire people directly who will do the actual projects. There could be value into contractors that are fully integrated and those that are general contracting with solid relationships with sub-contractors. Case by case basis and can't make a blanket statement. The group will have a discussion to further vet this out with Jeff.

Jeff also recommends having someone from the committee monitoring the work until completion.

Categories

- Administrative
 - Budget

Budget Projection for remainder of year:

Funds Available		
Budget	\$58,000	
MSA	18,893	
Carryover	<u>1,372</u>	
Total Available Funds		\$78,265

Expenditures Projections:

Grass cutting contract	\$12,375
Snow minimum contract \$800 (rate \$100-\$125)	10,000
Meadow Lane	24,200
Dave Claney submitted	714
Invoice ?	625
Trees \$3,00 white pine \$4,300 list not spent)	7,300
Pot holes	1,000
Trash Cans (\$4,000 0- \$5,500) plus trash can costs.	5,500

Removing path berries	610
Road signs \$3,300 plus labor	3,300
Other landscaping (550 +200 +420) +	1,200
Projected Expenditures	68,000

The list above was approved by group to go forward with work.

- Note: Susan Rothrock says, if there is a survey available, use survey instead of formula.

- Roads / Drainage

- Drainage on the sides.

Back filling that might not do any good.

Concrete gutters

Ordinarily, the road crowns and then the water distributes to the side.

In this case, what happens is there is such a ponding condition when there is a surge event that ponds at Harvey and then forces the water to travel down part of Meadow Lane that has a concrete gutter for most of the run. The long-term suggestion was to either put a concrete gutter to mirror the opposite side of road. In one section where there is already a concrete gutter, clean it because it is grown over.

Belgian Blocks or other material

The other less expensive way would be to put some Belgian block or something that emulates designs that we have elsewhere in the village.

And see if that channels the water like the gutter would, and for less expensive fix.

- DelDot issues to be addressed

Surging on just one side of Meadow Lane because the way Harvey Rd is sloping down. Rick thinks they need feedback from the Water Quality Master Plan combined with conversation with DelDot. DelDot has to help us with Harvey Road issues. The Civic Committee can do lots of things with the water traveling, but that condition on Harvey Rd is really extreme and it is deep. Drew said DelDot would have to deal with that because it wasn't part of their plan. Also, Rick points out that down at the bridge and looking over the bridge into the creek area there is a storm drain that is also DelDot's issue and it has been compromised in terms of erosion under the concrete. They are all linked together. If the Harvey Road were abated and the water was being managed differently, then the erosion wouldn't be as bad at the pipe. But it is. It is so far eroded that it really needs to be fixed, part and parcel. He thinks that is how Jeff intends to address it.

Steve recommends not doing anything specifically until they have received the Water Quality Master Plan report that would detail recommendation globally for the village. Once they have report they will determine what their next steps are in conjunction with DelDot.

- 2212 Mill Rd. Request
Elaine Hoopes are having considerable water going into their basement, partly because the drainage system that is supposed to carry the water around the house has failed. They have contacted New Castle County Conservation District, which is a county program that does infrastructure. Carol suggest they do a plan for them. They are considering some kind of berm to block water. Steve asks, are we responsible for water flowing alongside of the road or along gutter or in this case, a ditch? Leaseholder driveways? Jeff includes right-of- way

leaseholder it is not in ordinances. Table until they get Water Quality Master Plan report.

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- Permits / Reservations
 - Required excavation permits.

Sue wants group to look into it. Rare dig into street? He will find out more information from Sue.
 - Past Events

Steve will continue monitoring light requirements and turning on/off.
 - Scheduled Events and Status

Ray Conner's wedding is tentative. No contract at this point. Steve is updating master google calendar at the present time until is provided instructions on access. Steve will call Dave Miller to inform him of Village policy of social distancing. Who is responsible to prepare Filed Theater for event? Steve will check with Al Marks. Harold thinks it is up to the person renting the Field Theater.
- Maintenance Projects
 - Drain & Debris

David Clancy will be tasked with checking all drains after any appreciable rain falls. Most important, is that he haul the debris away and not kick it off to side of road.

Steve has observed lots of rock and debris after storms. Millers Rd especially, and a few other places. Steve will instruct Dave to drive

around town and anywhere there is a buildup of crushed stones and dirt to redistribute or take away if need be.

- Road Sign Replacements

A typical wood sign for Arden Village is approx. 18” wide. Ardentown is about 25.5” due to large lettering.

The proposal sent today had three different sizes: the shortest was 30” long, then 37.5” & 45”. Are they going to make every sign the same length? Steve believes its varying lengths are dependent on the number of letters. Steve will suggest using shorter sign with thinner font. He will confirm that the order will be just like Ardentown, of varying lengths depending on number of letters and to obtain an estimated based on these specs. Everyone agreed on the first of three samples. Ask if there are font options. If there are not, then go with the thin ones like the one at top and the appropriate size length and not long one.00

- Trash Can Holders

Harold is waiting for Waste Management local representative who is checking to see if they will supply the trash cans at no cost since they are approx. \$100 apiece. Harold also needs the size of the trash cans before finalize drawing. He thought if he could obtain the brand name of the trash cans, he could obtain the specs. Agreed that the order will go forward and be expensed.

- Tree Work

- White Pine on Village Green is hazardous and dead tree at Sunset. A large fallen trunk in front of Stile. Lower Lane & Harvey Rd is a dead tree. Approved \$4,300 (list) and plus add the White Pine which is an extra \$3,000.

- Follow-up on Identified Trees
- Greens Volunteer Day to clean out the beds at the Buzz. We will save \$1,200 by doing it ourselves and having Dave Claney available.
- Seasonal Contract Oversight
 - Waste Management Pilot Feedback Some people were not pleased with new pilot service because they have too much trash to recycle for pick up every other week. Some will need a second can.
 - Snow Removal: Prep Fee Refund. Mark is not present to discuss refund.
- Miscellaneous
 - Found traffic cones in spring house.
 - Buzz Ware wants to certify as wild life habitat. Outside of Buzz is considered Civic's responsibility. Approved the \$25 fee.

Other Old Business
Path Pipe blockage

New Business

Adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Resko
Village Secretary