

## Civic Committee Meeting Minutes (C Folder: File 1)

May 1, 2012

Present: Rodney Jester, Tom Wheeler and Ed Rohrbach.

The meeting was convened at 7:14 pm

- **Mosquito Discussion** continued

Tom: Tom called Tom Moran, of the county, and asked him to go ahead and check Arden for mosquito larva; particularly the people near the woods.

Ed: Do they investigate or do they just spray?

Tom: He said they come out and investigate. Currently they are testing water for larva in low lying area; it is high and low. Some areas get a lot and some areas nothing. He said now that you have complaint I can put you on the list and come a take a look. He will get back to us.

Ed the complaint was from last year. There maybe not that many.

Rodney: The point is you want to get before the problem.

Tom: We received some complaints: Ron Ozor complaint and we received an email from Jeff Politis . To address complaints and have some alternative solutions Tom called Natural lawn and organic solutions Inc and they will send us a proposal.

- **Bartlett Tree Service Contract**

Tom: The other thing and this was discussed as part of last year's business. There was a proposal from Bartlett contract to do the work on the Fell's tree and we all agreed to have the work done. We signed the voucher to come out of last year's money. I spoke to David and he said he has the money set aside. He said no one from Bartlett Tree Service has ever contacted him. Basically we fell down by not contacting Bartlett to approve the work. I left a message with Bartlett today.

So allegedly what they were originally going to do was to fertilize, mulch and trim fells oak. We all figure we have the money from last year. Particularly with Playground history

- **Roads**

Ed: We need to look at the roads. I am not prepared tonight . No maps right now to pass out to you but plan to get them to you. Do you have an idea how you want o approach it?

Tom: As we usually approach it. Liz FYI.... The usual approach is the committee divides the town up into section and we walk/drive around and sometimes we come to an idea. If there is a real trauma (i.e. big pot hole) what we try to do is find sections that could be done and do a whole road section.

Ed: As the years go by we are probably going to find more and more whole sections that need to be done.

Rodney: Make notes. Whoever wants to take a walk? Get me a map and I will walk it and take care of it. Not much time involved.

ED: Look for whole sections where it might be justified to work on. This winter the roads have not suffered much due to mild winter.

Tom: David said take money out of our budget. He paid Downey last year half out of our budget and half out of road money. We had such a surplus last year. I suggested just go back and take all the money out of our budget. We have a fund building there.

ED: Someday we are probably going to need to do some drainage work.

Rodney: When we did fire lane huge cost.

Tom: As far as storm sewer. We have surveys that Larry was working on.

Rodney: We did give them permission?

Ed: We gave him permission to order some grates.

Tom: There were some grates. He (Larry) has said there were a couple non standards grates that were really very expensive because they were non standard.

Ed: Is there a way that storm drain may be modified to keep cost down?

Tom: Hire someone who is a good mason. Dale is a good mason that is good possibility. I like all the work he does. That is speculative at this point.

Ed: Just being a good mason does not mean that you are experienced enough to design storm drains.

Tom: Is that something you are taking an interest in.?

Ed: Not now.

Rodney: When we do the roads at the same time we can get a quote from the road company for storm drains.

Tom Let me dig out Larry's report and that would be something we can take with us

- **BWV Tree relocation**

BWV did not like where we put the tree and we propose a date to move the tree. Only a few people showed including Rodney. The bottom line is they want to move the tree, it is on them now. They had their chance. We did our part.

- **Mowing Insurance**

Tom: Tom called about the insurance document for the landscape- lawn mower service. It turned out the contract expired the end of last fiscal year.

Ed: Are they working without a contract?

Tom: Apparently.

ED: I thought it was a two year and this was the second year. That was my recollection.

Tom: That was my recollection but when he looked at the paper work it expires this year. I think that is right because Sue signed it before she left.

Rodney: Are they already doing the mowing?

Tom: He is already mowing. They are making noises like.... Do you want to get paid? Send the paper. What he said was I will happily give you the paper but let me wait till June the first. And hopefully the new contract and decide if it is an upgrade or not.

Ed: How much of their expenses have to do with fuel?

Tom: A lot of people use that as an excuse.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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