

Civic Committee Meeting
February 5, 2013

The meeting was convened at 7:02 pm

Attendance: Mick Fitzharris, Rodney Jester, Tom Wheeler, Al Marks, Ed Rohbach & Val Hutchison

Roads: The committee agreed to salt the hilly sections of the roads via telephone survey Sunday AM Feb 3.

March Elections

Two more nominees : Drumlin & Rick Smyth.

Trees

Fels Oak Tree : Obtain an estimate from Bartlett and Rickerman on cabling Fels oak. Tom will call Bartlett.

Ed Rohbach prepared a Plan Drawing of the Arden green to determine if we need to plant more trees. Present trees are random in species, random in sizes.

Memorial: One is located in the grove where the flag is located. Some trees were planted to memorialize WWII. Need to verify information about the families affected. The other is the Whitman Memorial which is located opposite of Dale Braumbaugh's house on Cherry Lane. There are lilac bushes and cedars comprising this memorial. Are the cedar trees a part of the memorial? Tom will contact Archives and investigate memorials. Civic is interested in maintenance and restoring.

Identify what trees to remove. Obtain estimate for removal and identify what you want to replace them with.

Following is a list of trees being considering for removal:

Cherry tree located next to Fels Oak and cherry tree located next to Craft shop both remove.

Red maple located across from Melton's house. It is not attractive?

Dawn redwood? Does not fit into any scheme and it will get big. It is located near the new Cherry tree that was planted in memorial for Betty Salway Smith.

Maple Inn Lane (last one of row of major trees)

Two Sweet gum, and one Paulonia, located at the corner of Green Lane and Cherry(next to Ed's house)

Pear Tree located Inn Lane and Woodland: not attractive, multi-trunked and does not look like it belongs.

Inn Lane must have tall enough plantings so you can see the length of the two greens and have an opening for parking cars. Need a theme to tie the whole landscape together.

Replacement Suggestions:

If we are going to establish a pattern far away from wires and no conflict along the side, then what is needed is a boulevard of the same trees. All the same tree would give stronger impression; a shade tree that has a big crown above so one could see right through them and not obscure your view.

Locust: Very light shade locust. It has yellow flowers in the spring. Avoid those that have seeds as they mess up lawn. There might be a seedless variety.

Sugar maples: Spectacular color in fall, long lived, dense shade. A whole array of them are memorable. Start planting from seven to ten.

Willow Oak: Fair shade tree, durable, grows fast and has acorns, leaves like a willow tree that fall and then disappear, likes water but do not need it.

Lumbardi Popular: Not a shade tree, grow fast and does not live long. Spectacular when planted along drives.

Little leaf Lindens: dense round shape like a Popsicle. Do not like.

American Elm: highly recommend crown is like a big vase of flowers. It's reminiscent of old Americana.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, March, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Village of Arden

