

Civic Committee Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2012

Present: Ed Rohrbach, Tom Wheeler (Co-chair), Valorie Hutchison, and Mick Fitzharris (committee member),

The meeting was convened at 7:03 pm

Road Repairs

(Ed) How much is our budget? Approx \$20,000. We have some money in capital.

(Tom) The hole that Downey repaired, located near the steak shop, is a sink hole. It's on the Knotts side of the road as you go into Arden. Our goal is to fix sections. I would love to see the entrance to Orleans Road; between Bill Press and Millers.

(ED: Rodney did not find any major pot holes. However, Hillside and Lovers lane is pretty bad. On the other side on Green Lane by the village green, where the play equipment is located, that road does not have pot holes but it is severely alligatored. It will not hold up that much longer. It is not urgent and it is not a high traffic area.

(Vale) How much are speed bump?

(Ed) The plastic speed bumps actually encourage you to drive fast.

(Val) Last time Rodney said speed bumps cause more air pollution.

(Ed) Orleans road is full of patches but they are still intact. It would be a good repair to do but not urgent.

(Tom) Two issues. He is saying yes. We will lose some of the money if we do not use it by fall. Time to repair and use the money is now.

(Ed) State grant money we need that approved before we spend it.

(Val) That is separate.

(Tom) I am not sure if we do have to get it approved. Any contract over ten K they have to sign

(Ed) It does not come to us except for specific purposes.

(Tom)We got it last year and did not use. We switch the money around and we carried over that money from year to year municipal. We got to the end of the year and we were way under budget.

(Ed) It use to be much more informal but I think we need approval.

(Val) Why not use the money to make cosmetic repair?

(Ed) I think it has to go through Brian Short. Not Brian Short but I was told by advisory meeting. Last fall advisory meeting. I will look it up.

(Tom) I am putting this on you since you are a road guy. We need to get down and out there. He should have already been here.

(Ed) It is my fault and I should have addressed.

(Tom) I do not know if we have enough money to do all of Orleans Road. I think it would be great. Call Bruce Downey.

(Ed) I have been in touch with him but I have not finalized it.

Tree:

(Tom) between McKinney and Politis's property. It is the access driveway where the 'chicken coup' is located. Connee provided us with surveys to prove that there is a ROW. Basically between chicken coup and McKinney's garage. Dropped limbs on the garage. If we want to do something about it, we can trim the tree. It is Jeff and Pam's survey from when they purchase the property. Russ seems to think is where the tree is.

(Ed) No right away shown along this plot. I am looking at 1962 plan of lots for Arden register survey Vandenmark and Lynch.

(Tom)When are you going to correct my house?

(ED) What is wrong with it?

(Tom) There is a big chunk that belongs to me. Latter we will discuss it .

(Ed) \$1,500 to \$1,800 cost of tree take down.

(Tom) Burselm has tree destroying the road.

(Ed) The name of that tree is called Sweet gum and it is on the green across from his(Burslem's) lot.

(Tom) Do you want me to get quotes?

(Ed) Yes.

(Tom) Quotes on canapé.

(Ed) I have not seen it.

(Val) Quotes from Straubert?

(Tom) Yes. The only one that came in was Stein with the best price. Carol likes Ron. Ron will work with you.

(Val) One fire hydrant with yellow reflective markers.

(Tom) He mowed the grass. When it gets close to snow we will put them back in.

(Val) Cosmetic. The bus stop on Orleans and Harvey who is responsible to take care of maintenance.

(Tom) the bus stop building belongs to Bob Lockeerman

Mosquitos

(Tom) John Giacoma has been walking around and the NCCD told him to go home

DNREC representative for mosquitoes control knocked on Tom's door with a report from your address. Not exactly, I called for Arden. I suggested they go to over Sherwood where the skunk cabbage is: Skunk cabbage= wet lands. Tom escorted them over and showed them where it was as well as areas where people live and complain and that would be a good place to look. They came back a few hours later. I received an email. DNREC was there for a few hours doing what they do. If they found larva they would have treated for it. Arden did a great job of cleaning out that area.

(Mike) CBS had a fifteen minute segment on mosquitoes. Mosquito can get you fifty feet away and it was fascinating program.

(Val) My sister went to a swamp where there were no mosquitoes because of the fish eating mosquitoes. Why not have a pond with fish that eat mosquitoes talking about pest control.

(Ed) There are plenty of water and there aren't any.

(Val) We will do some research.

(Ed) I was watching some geese when it was 99 degrees. These geese are out on the pond and they are diving completely under water rolling on their backs.

(Val) I had white squirrels born in my tree.

(Tom) Look at planting on the green. Almost everything is old. Three or four trees and non one planted for the next set. Proposal what when and how much? I will email Schweers.

(Ed) We are thinking about?

(Tom) We are thinking about the money. That was money authorized (plants not specific to that eco system). They followed the process but

(Ed) We have a unique eco system here.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Resko

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