

**Arden Civic Committee Meeting – April 20, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.**

*Present:* Sue Rothrock, chair, Aaron Hamburger, Lou Bean, Ken Sutton, and Walter Broadbent. Danny Schweers, secretary. **Rich Cropper** from E. Earle Downing, Inc. *Absent:* Rick Reynolds

**Election of Committee Chair:** Aaron nominated Sue Rothrock for chair, Lou Bean then moved nominations cease. Sue elected by acclamation.

**Old Business:**

**Signage.** Sue Rothrock reported on new signs, one for Indian Circle -- “Campfires at Indian Circle by Permit Only – Arden Civic Committee” and one for the back of Basketball Court – “No Parking: Parking Lot is Located in Front of Village Center.” Other signs are to be erected at the entrances to the woods. Someone is chopping down small trees around Indian Circle and building fires. Has chopped at recently repaired tree. Ken Sutton objected to any signs at all. Placement of signs was then discussed. Sue noted possible problems with wooden street signs in emergency situations. Those signs need to be maintained every three or four years.

**Fallen tree:** Sue noted that a falling tree knocked down fence at Arden’s border with Buckingham Green.

**New Tree Watering:** At BWVC, Sue Rothrock recommended “Tree Gator,” a slow drip bag to water trees in their first two years. \$19 each is the cost. Propose purchasing six or so to water trees around BWVC. Each “Tree Gator” would drip 14 gallons over an 8 hour period. Would be useful in drought. We lost some trees in the last drought.

**Minutes of last meeting:** On Leaf Removal Policy, add notice that leaf burning is illegal. Aaron moved, Sue seconded. Approved.

**Committee Responsibilities:** Same as before except for one new assignment – to monitor storm water discharge. Aaron did this year. The Village of Arden must monitor and manage its storm water discharge with visual inspections. We have no map at present of catch basins, etc. Most goes into catch basins and then off into woods. Someone needs to take on this responsibility. Rick is nominated *in absentia*. Lou will assist.

Aaron will continue to be responsible for outside contractors, trash, leaf removal, and snow as well as financial matters (budgets and grants). Ken Sutton will provide backup for snow and trash. Walter Broadbent will continue to be responsible for woods. Ken Sutton will continue to be responsible for roads. Sue is chair and shares responsibility for commons, including woods.

**Sherwood Green Curbstones:** Sue Rothrock reported E.Earle Downing has given us a bids which total \$20,000 for curbstones along edge of Sherwood Green where it meets The Highway and Sherwood Road. This work would include raising some curbstones already in place. Special bond funding would cover these costs.

**Widen Orleans Road.** Making Orleans Road about 30” wider from Harvey Road to Millers Road would cost an estimated \$14,650. The road is much too narrow now, especially at Harvey Road.

**WALK ABOUT**

Those attending, along with the representative from E. Earle Downing, Inc., walked the streets of Arden, noting which places needed repair. Earlier, Aaron had made a preliminary inspection. Mark Taylor has asked if we could repave Sherwood Extension. The speed bump at 2312 Walnut Road needs painting.

