

Arden Civic Committee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
10 September, 2003

Present: Sue Rothrock, chair, Lou Bean (Emeritus), Rick Grier-Reynolds, Deborah Kenney, Ken Sutton, and Jacqi Tanzer. Also present: Danny Schweers, Secretary.

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. and the minutes of the previous minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

ROAD REPAIR is still happening. Sue is sure Downing will get contracted work done but perhaps nothing more. Sue has gotten two thank-yous for recent work on upper Hillside Road and intersection of Harvey and Hillside.

T-MOBILE. Steven Threefoot talked to T-Mobile recently, says concept may have changed to them working with United Water to add antenna to the water tower. Revenue might be less. Sue had sent questions to T-Mobile, but has received no reply.

BEER GARDEN DRAINAGE. Alton Dahl has a round pipe but not the time to put it in place yet. Last pipe, galvanized and thin, was crushed by traffic overhead.

PATH MARKERS. David has done nothing yet but has been told to do so this year.

DISEASED OAK TREE was taken down on the Arden Green. Impression is that the tree isn't missed in terms of foliage. Stump has been left and is, at the moment, an item of interest to children counting the rings. We will be trimming back the yews. Again, mowers are shaving the tops of roots, leaving flat places that collect water and cause rot. Also are weed-wacking trees, causing damage, as does hitting the trees with mowers.

ISLAND LANDSCAPING. Damon has stopped for now and Sue hopes to get kids to do the work or may just plant grass. Ken wants something low maintenance. Has seen professionals who go in a do annuals once a year. Deborah sees problem as maintenance. Jacqi says we need grass or mulch where now we have moss. Another problem is watering.

ARDEN WOODS SURVEY. Sue has a new update showing lots of critters.

NEW BUSINESS

DRAINAGE AT BOTTOM OF HILLSIDE ROAD. Sue reported that the bond bill from Wayne Smith has been delivered for \$10,000. There is a major storm drain problem on lower Hillside Road. One drain was replaced in 1997. It is now 3" higher than roadway; does not drain. Two other drains have years of debris. Pipe that goes into woods is only four feet long. Sue talked to Downing who said they would replace the drain, widen the road slightly to direct water to drain, and install a second drain for \$10,875. Will ask Smith's office if this project qualifies for the Bond Bill. This will help neighboring leaseholds often inundated. Proposal approved unanimously.

REQUEST FOR NICE BERM. We have a request for a berm on a driveway. Cost would be \$765 for 18'x6' berm. Ozer's had two berms done, they paid for one, we paid for other at intersection, but only because it was part of the work we were already doing. After discussion, it was decided that we will offer leaseholders only the inexpensive but effective berm and let them do something more expensive if they want to pay for it themselves.

TREE FALL. A tree fell in Sherwood Forest onto the chainlink fence of a house in Sunset Court. House owner suggested we pay only his deductible. This we agreed to. The tree person said five or six trees along the border are damaged and may fall as well. One is hollow. We need to care

for these trees and possibly remove them. The forest is overcrowded. Many big trees have already fallen. We need to decide what comes down. Our roads budget can be used to care for the trees. Street aid is adequate to cover the roads. The Ozers had a tree fall on a small fence on their property. Other trees are dying; cherry tree on Green is dead; huge branch simply fell near Threefoots' house recently.

BIG TREES. The dawn redwood on the Mumford property is second largest on State List at 158" in diameter, 99 feet tall. DenRec website big trees. List four largest trees in each category.

OVERGROWN RIGHT-OF-WAY. We received a letter of complaint in July about the 1905 Orleans Road r.o.w. Cannot see. Overgrown branches. Such problems are village-wide problem. A discussion ensued as to how to best handle this situation and how it had been dealt with (and avoided) in the past. Sue didn't think this instance was as bad as many others and is more concerned where there is an obvious safety issue. NCCo says 25' of clear visibility is needed at intersections. Recently there was an accident at Hillside and Harvey Road blamed on lack of visibility. In the case of 1905 Orleans, we will ask the leaseholders to remedy the situation. Joan Fitzgerald once had a form letter for r.o.w. infractions.

ARDEN FAIR parking on Arden Green turned it into a mucky mess after the rain fell before the cars left. Sue would prefer to have no parking, especially if we are to refurbish the Green for \$30,000 or more.

STREAM CLEANUP has been postponed. Trees down across creek were swept away. There is one down now on the bend, but it isn't causing debris to back up.

KEY SITUATION is being reviewed by Lou Bean and making sure the locks work.

SIGN REJUVENATION is also being addressed by Lou. We have hundreds of signs that need attention, a few at a time. Don't seem to be missing any, even from Lovers Lane. Deborah suggests selling Lovers Lane signs at the Arden Fair.

DRUMS IN SPRING HOUSE. There are sitting unused. Need to get rid of them. We used to manage traffic. Roof of Spring House should be inspected as well, as it is leaking.

RECYCLING BINS. People can pick them up from Sue.

NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:18 p.m. after Secretary was assaulted by a flying pen and threatened by others. Sue called attention to the five rules on the wall of Classroom One: "Raise your hand, work quietly, remain seated, walk quietly, and keep your hands to yourself."

Respectfully submitted
Danny Schweers, Secretary