

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 1 June 2005

Present were: Sue Rothrock, Lou Bean, Deborah Kenney, David Gerbec, Ann Schmittinger, Steven Blades. Forest Subcommittee members present were: Mary Marconi and Shelly Robyn. Absent: Danny Schweers, Secretary.

7:45pm meeting called to order

Tree expert advice reviewed. Sue sent Elizabeth Varley (Advisory Committee Chair), a letter inquiring about funding. Advisory meeting is Monday and issue regarding funding will be raised then, Civic budget vs. Contingency Fund.

Forest Subcommittee: convened and elected Sally Sharp as chair. Discussed the advice from tree expert and agreed to accept. Work in woods need to be taken into consideration. Will do a walk thru to help complete list of needs.

Forests: Grant for 3 Arden's (Elaine Schmerling) DE - State Forest to address fire hazard issues - Ivy is greatest threat. Arden is considering having someone physically remove ivy and spraying ground. Janet Ebert will provide advice and town will decide on spraying based on her input and results of efforts. Alton Dahl and Bev Barnett have volunteered to take Civic and Forest subcommittee on Sherwood Forest walk to determine boundaries. Suggested June 8 at 6pm?

Special trash pickup - one bill for \$125.00 received so far. Sue will meet next week with Downing re: street repairs

Field Theater repairs have not been done yet. Loose boards in seats, receptacles. Financing the repairs by sending request to Shakespeare Guild for contributing funds to cover. Sue will send letter regarding money

Forest legislative initiative letter from Bev Barnett (DE Forest service) Grant avail in July. 2 part planning / maintenance. Tree maintenance grant also from Delaware forest service will be investigated for general tree health and work needed. Weed 'n' walk June 8th

Paths: \$1200-\$1300 in trail grant right now - path trimming will be done. Forest committee will consider other projects (bridges, etc.) Grocery Path flooding and mud discussed. Sea oats to edge path- could be transplanted from some of the overgrowth in Sherwood planting bed. Decided to use lariope or hosta to decrease maintenance.

Next Meeting: Second Wednesday in July

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kenney