

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 13 July 2005

Present: Lou Bean, Steve Blades, David Gerbec, Deborah Kenney, Sue Rothrock, Ann Schmittinger, and Danny Schweers, Secretary. Representing the Forest Subcommittee was Mary Marconi. We met at the picnic table because the Buzz Ware Village Center, closed up most of the day, was hot and humid.

Sue Rothrock called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Minutes were approved.

TOWN MEETING: A motion was passed to cut down the two beech trees threatening the Broadbents and leave the logs to be collected. Sue states that two tulip poplars are more of a problem and must come down as well. Money to take down the beech trees may come from town administrative expenses or the reserve; money to take down poplars is in a grant application. Telford says Fels Oak is healthy; Sue worries about exposed tree roots being damaged when lawn is mowed and suggests putting 2" of mulch over them. Town Assembly also voted to join Ardentown and Ardencroft to spray for ivy.

FOREST SUBCOMMITTEE: Has met several times, has taken a tour of the woods, looking at what might need to be done. Tile has been dumped at end of Hillside. Water behind Hurlongs' leasehold, near Broadbents', is flowing around bridge, not under it.

IMPACT OF SPRAYING: On Thursday, July 21, Janet Ebert will do a walking examination of woods before spraying and will do a post-spraying examination of its impact. Ardentown will start spraying in the next few weeks if we get grant; Arden would be scheduled for September.

FIELD THEATRE: Sue needs to get keys back from Shakespeare Guild.

DOWNING: Sue has not yet met with Downing.

PATHS: Another person has complained to Sue about the Grocery Path's mud and flooding. Work there is planned.

SUNSET PATH: Safety Committee has taken on addressing complaints. With survey, we could open Sunset Path as a road, perhaps only as gravel. Other option, is to make it a true path by surrendering land to Village Trust and making it part of a leasehold. Also, some people have been testing their strength against the path posts.

POST IN MCKINNEY YARD. Russ McKinney says Civic installed round post in his yard and wants it removed. No memory of this among Committee members, or in Pete Renzetti's synapses. Decision is to let give Russ permission to remove it.

TRASH CAN CORRAL: David Gerbec talked to Eliot, who will give us a bid.

SIGN IN SHERWOOD FOREST: Debris blocked efforts to erect sign. It has now been cleaned up, so David and Lou will try erecting it again.

SHERWOOD GREEN: Northeast edge is planted with Norway maples and grape vine. Sue suggests replacing these eventually. Also, B. R. Phillips' driveway encroaches into Sherwood Green. Also, Village was cited by County for debris on Sherwood Green - four branches cut and not yet cleaned up - after a neighbor complained to County.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 8:22 p.m.