

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 5 April 2006 - uncorrected

PRESENT: Dale Blumbaugh, David Gerbec, Steven Blades, Sue Rothrock, and Danny Schweers (secretary). Also present were Warren Rosencrantz (alternate) and Shelley Robyn (Forest Sub-Committee). Absent were Lou Bean (emeritus) and Ann Schmittinger.

David Gerbec, convenor, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Steven Blades nominated and Dale Blumbaugh seconded the nomination of Sue Rothrock as chair. She was elected unanimously and, as chair, conducted the rest of the meeting.

STREETS: We have \$8,000 to spend. Suggestions? David suggested concrete gutter in place of berm on Pond Lane.

ROADS SURVEY: Sue passed out walking maps of the Village. Each member is to examine roads and drainage for their area, making notes of needed maintenance. These are to be returned to Sue before next meeting, who will then get bids from Downing.

TREES: We got a bid of \$4,000 to take down the big tree next to the Ridings leasehold. State forester says grants are available. The two poplars near Broadbents' leasehold will not be taken down by Tilford but instead by Leo Friel and Son. Another tree at end of Walnut needs to come down near Mike Curtis' leasehold.

FENCING: Shelley has letter from Steven Threefoot about encroachment by Sherwood Forest neighbors, but doesn't talk about fencing.

FOREST SUB-COMMITTEE: Shelley reported Sally Sharp is stepping off the sub-committee. Budget for forest this year is \$3,000. A single tree can take that entire amount. Tree work on paths can be funded through paths grant. For the past ten years little has been done on paths. One year we put signs up on paths. We built a small bridge. We trimmed back bushes encroaching on paths last fiscal year.

TRASH CAN CORRAL: Rick Rothrock still has not done that work, but will.

COMPOSTING: People in Arden are starting to talk about following Ardentown's example, though Sue says that site is not being well maintained. Danny heard that yard waste will no longer be accepted at the landfill come January, 2007, forcing residents to recycle leaves, limbs, etc. in some manner other than setting it out as trash unless Waste Management offers the service. Discussion ensued about locating recycling site in Arden. Location is an issue since a spot on Arden Green would interfere with Arden Fair. Sue mentions possibility of an additional 20 feet into B.R. Phillips' leasehold that really belongs to Village, up to halfway into her driveway. Putting recycling there would require cutting down some Norway maples. A survey would have to be done first to be sure this is true. Shelley suggests far corner of Sherwood Green near Sunset Lane. Danny wonders about Sunset Lane on other side of log. Steven Blades will talk to Trustees about existing survey of border between Sherwood Green and B.R. Phillips' leasehold. Warren suggested investigating how State and County intend to deal with the problem of recycling yard waste; all the unincorporated area around us

has to deal with this issue. Let's find out what they intend to do. Sue points out that Ardentown got a grant to build their recycling site. Sue agrees to contact Waste Management to learn if, indeed, yard waste pickup ends at the end of 2006 and also what plans, if any, Waste Management has to handle yard waste in 2007.

TREE POLICIES: David still intends to examine best policies for forests.

TREE AT MEADOW AND HARVEY. Keeps getting hit by cars. DeDOT has cut limbs off, trying to save tree. DeDOT should be called to take it down. Tree is huge and should be taken down, rather than wait for it to fall.

WOODS CLEANUP. Alton Dahl will lead group starting at the water tower; Shari Phalan, in Ardentown. Need someone to lead group starting at the head of Millers Road at Marsh to hand out gloves and bags. Steven Blades volunteers to do this. Forest Sub-Committee will coordinate Woods Cleanup next year.

CHERRY TREES TO PLANT ON CHERRY LANE. Lowe's has Yoshino cherry trees for sale at \$16 or so. We could plant two more just into Arden Green, to keep cherry trees along Cherry Lane. Dale and David offer to help Sue plant these trees. Sue also wants to plant some kind of native bush on either side of the Arden Green bulletin board.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER. Bev Fleming is interested in the last planting bed, in front of classrooms one and two, getting it started. The BWVC will take care of it. Hal Goodwin will help if we pay him. Plans have been approved by Town Assembly. Rocks near water tower can be used for planting beds. Sue has plans from Community Planning, who hired a landscape architect to make plans. It shows the entire line of Norway maples on northeast side as being part of Sherwood Green. Danny brings up problem of open access to Sherwood Green from Sunset Road. He agrees to work with Arden Club about putting chain up at that end. Sue notes that northeast part of Sherwood Green is used regularly for parking and is no longer suitable for soccer, which may need to move to the Arden Green.

SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST. Money that comes in this year will go to pay down the mortgage on the newly acquired five acres of Sherwood Forest, in addition to what Village is already obligated to pay this year.

PATROS PATH. \$3,300 from new grant available from a state organization could go to raising the stones and refurbishing this historic path. "Patros" was a nickname for Frank Stephens. The Shakespeare players traditionally walk down that path, singing along the way, as they enter the Field Theater to begin their summer productions. Sense of this committee is to raise the stones flush with grass so mowers can get over it, but not a high foundation that would make the path unnatural.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny N. Schweeres, Secretary