

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 3 May 2006

PRESENT: Dale Brumbaugh, David Gerbec, Steven Blades, and Sue Rothrock. Also present were Warren Rosenkrantz (alternate) and Danny Schweers (secretary). Absent was Ann Schmittinger. Lou Bean attended the Forest Sub-Committee.

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

CONCRETE GUTTER ALONG POND LANE: Everyone likes the idea. Berms have not worked.

ROADS SURVEY: Just little things. Lots of little cracks in roads for yards and yards. Stop sign spray-painted at Woodland and will be replaced by the Safety Committee. Mickey Fitzpatrick, an evacuee from New Orleans who moved here, is an arborist; he has agreed to do some work maintaining foliage. Pothole at Inn and Woodland. One at Green Lane near Walnut.

CHERRY TREES FOR POND LANE: Dale will buy some trees. David offers to help plant them.

TREES: Forest Sub-Committee is addressing issue of tree damage at Ridings. Forest has re-written letter that will go to residents next to Sherwood Forest. Will discuss fencing along Sunset Farms.

TRASH CAN CORRAL: Still in process.

PATH POSTS REFURBISHED: Larry Walker has three to donate to Village.

COMPOSTING: There's a meeting right now on this subject somewhere in North New Castle County. Will be a big problem come August, 2006, when the landfill stops taking yard waste. DSWA and DENREC will be responding to this issue.

TREE POLICIES: David has researched policies. These address permits and other issues we want to address with our policy.

SURVEY: Elizabeth Varley will check her files.

TREE ON HARVEY ROAD: Sue talked to DeIDOT, notifying them that tree has one dead limb. DeIDOT said they'd do a survey to determine whose tree this is.

WOODS CLEANUP: 31 people came out in pouring rain, including Cub Scouts, who met at BWVC afterwards to keep dry. Same day had two truck loads of electronic recycling.

ARDEN GREEN: A dawn redwood has shown up on the Arden Green, a seedling from Bernie Melton; also a holly tree has magically appeared. And the grass has been mowed. Have not gotten a price from Osborne, who has done it for 15 years, but not this year. Seth van Neerden,

Turning Leaf Lawn and Landscape, will match last year's bid because his contract is new. Will do every other week at \$700/cut. Everyone approves. Did great job first time. Will give them \$200 extra for this first mowing, since the grass was longer than usual. Memorial Garden, Memorial Garden overflow, the Stile, Sherwood Green, Arden Green, and all the little patches.

PATROS PATH: New state grant is not applicable.

SOFT SPOT IN MEMORIAL GARDEN: Mowers keep getting mired. Dry after hard rain with pools empty, wet when pools full. Definitely coming from one of the pools. Ground is saturated all the time. Possibly a supply line since the ground isn't chlorinated.

TRASH PICKUP: \$100 a month increase in trash pickup due to rising fuel and other. But if yard waste is eliminated, price would go down.

BUDGET

Roads budgeted at \$18,000; actual last year was \$19,500 + Municipal Street Aids.

Commons budgeted at \$20,000; actual last year \$18,700 including some mowing. Budget for this year = \$18,000.

Forest had \$3,000 budget but fear lots of tree work and clearing. Want \$2000 more out of Commons budget. Budget for this year is \$5,000.

Trash \$42,000. \$40,500 actual, going up \$100/month. Extra trash, recycling \$2000 budget, used \$400 last year, budget this year \$1500

Once a week pickup has been considered, but all three Ardens would need to do it at once.

WINTER ACINITE - Yellow flowers bloom in early spring are on Milky Way path.

STORMWATER PERMITS: County is changing ways permits are done, later this year, according to newly issued TMDLs, whatever that is. So things will change, but don't know how yet.

ARDEN GREEN DOGS: Would bags at head of park help with poop? Can't walk across Green. Owners of dogs in doggy group do good job cleaning up behind their dogs but their dogs are digging holes. Jeff Politis twisted his foot in one hole. Sue suggests they move to other side where people aren't playing games. Could park in front of Helga's. Someone will talk to them, to get them to meet somewhere other than on playing field.

NEXT MEETING: June 7, 2006, 7:30 p.m.
MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny N. Schweers, Secretary