

## Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 7 June 2006 - uncorrected

Present: Steven Blades, Sue Rothrock and Ann Schmittinger. Also present was Danny Schweers (secretary). Absent were Dale Brumbaugh and David Gerbec.

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**ROAD WORK:** Sue recently drove the roads with Bruce Downing to show him the work that we want done. Have not yet gotten bid.

**TREES FOR CHERRY LANE:** Purchasing saplings and planting them will have to wait until later.

**TREES NEAR RIDINGS' LEASEHOLD:** A core sample has yet to be taken by State Forester, Brian Hall. State has some grant money that might cover work. Shelley suggested that Ridings pay to have a core sample done if they want the work expedited.

**TRASH CAN CORRAL:** Has been built and installed where the front pathway meets The Highway. Larry Walker did the work, with the handicapped sign in place. Bev Fleming wants to put flowers in the corral instead of trash can. Vote of this committee, after strenuous debate, was unanimous to keep it as a trash-can corral.

**PATH POSTS:** Are back up.

**COMPOSTING:** Not much heard yet from either state or county officials, certainly nothing on which we can make decisions. The only plan at the moment is for Arden residents to drop off yard clippings at the Ardentown composting site if they can no longer be picked up as trash.

**TREE ON HARVEY ROAD:** At Meadow Lane, keeps getting hit by cars, and has one large dead limb threatening cars, people, pets and white squirrels below.

**TREES NEAR LEASEHOLDS:** Dave Gerbec is working with Alton Dahl to develop policies.

**LAWN MOWING:** Sue has been getting compliments on new lawn care service by Turning Leaf.

**SEWERS:** County is flushing out all the sewers. Many of our storm drain gratings are clogged from recent storms, after some five inches in two days, Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2. A loud bolt of lightning hit a poplar tree in the backyard of Rick and Rachel Grier-Reynolds, briefly interrupting power in the area.

**WOODS CLOSING:** Third and final reading of this ordinance will take place at the next Town Meeting, Monday, June 26.

**TRASH PICKUP:** Harry Themal, Trustee, Ardentown, also, like Sue, got a call from a new competitor to Waste Management, wanting to handle our trash pickup. The Village of Ardentown, like Arden, has entertained possibility of one-a-week pickup instead of current Tuesday and Friday pickup, but there are no plans yet to re-negotiate the contract. If yard wastes are no longer to be picked up, that may be the occasion to re-negotiate. In the meantime, we are happy with Waste Management's work.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:12 p.m.: less than twenty minutes, a record!

Respectfully submitted,  
Danny N. Schweers, Secretary