

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 1 November 2006

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

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved. (There was no October, 2006 meeting for lack of quorum.)

TREE ON HARVEY ROAD AT MEADOW: State arborist called, says they now have money and so will be cutting it down.

TRASH COLLECTION: Yard waste bags are bad because they are bio-degradable. If one bag is too thin, use two! Rumor is that DSWA might start having \$1.00 stickers for each extra sack set out. At the moment, four bags a week is maximum. With stickers, residents could put out five or more.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: The Delaware Solid Waste Authority has Hazardous Waste Collection Events the 1st Saturday of every month, September through May, at different locations. November 4 the event is at the Frawley Stadium parking lot. The DSWA website has a list of hazardous materials.

PATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY: Damon pulled ivy off big tree on Meadow Lane and completed other path maintenance including clearing Club House Path. Sign post at Gild Hall end of path has been stolen.

SURVEYS: NCCo website has property maps on-line.

SEAOATS: Were cut. Volunteer trees were also taken out, at a cost of about \$400. This was perceived as a safety problem because people were hanging out behind the Buzz unseen. Holly tree in back was overgrown with vines, huge vines, this a memorial tree to the little girl who died here on the playground equipment years ago. Rodney Jester paid for this work.

NO LOITERING SIGNS ON GREENS: A number of people had problems with this recommendation, the idea of making people move on when they are not doing anything wrong. Issue was discussed. Insight was that, when teens clean up after themselves, irritation among adults is much reduced.

BABY POOL AT GILD HALL: Swampy area near Memorial Garden is directly associated with baby pool; dry when baby pool is empty, soggy when it is full.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Has overflow plot across Harvey Road. Poth plots have different NCCo status than our other public lands such as the forests.

SPEED BUMPS: Citizen has asked that they be painted.

POSSIBLE DEAD TREE: Gary Clinton thinks he has a dead tree on ROW. rather than his leasehold. Sue believes need to decide which trees are on ROWs, since they have surveys.

\$2,000 CHECK: Today we received this check from the State for a tree management grant for work already done by Friel & Sons.

RIGHT OF WAY OVERGROWTH: Leaseholder is responsible for taking care of sight lines along roads and providing space for people to park their cars with two wheels off pavement. Civic Committee should look at these two issues and bring it to attention of the leaseholders. Should have 25-foot clear view at intersections. Bushes are the biggest problem. Example are rocks on Little Lane across from Tom Wheeler's leasehold and the shrubs encroaching on intersection at Hillside and Millers Road. Committee will divide up Arden and look for trouble spots.

HILLSIDE AND MILLERS ROAD 4-WAY STOP. It was once; Safety Committee is rumored to have this issue on the back burner with the gas turned off.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:33 p.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Danny N. Schweers, Secretary