

Arden Civic Committee Meeting – 7 March 2007 - uncorrected

PRESENT: Steven Blades, Dale Brumbaugh, David Gerbec, Sue Rothrock and Ann Schmittinger. Also present was Rachel and Jaqui Tanzer, visitors, and Danny Schweers, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m.

STREAM WATCH REPORT: Rachel Tanzer presented a report on water quality in the lower branch of Naaman's Creek at three sample points, as compared to tap water, with samples collected on one of the coldest days of the year. Tested were pH, hardness, pesticides, bacteria, chlorine, nitrates and lead. No chlorine was detected. The pH was neutral. Hardness measured between moderate and hard, with tap water the hardest. Nitrates measured 2.0ppm in two measurements and 5.0ppm in other two, including tap water, which had the most. Lead measurements were negative. All pesticide measurements were negative. All the creek samples tested positive for bacteria except for the smallest stream which was marginal. Conclusion is that the water quality of Lower Naaman's Creek is good, similar to past tests.

LAND BILL. Yard waste ban for Cherry Hill landfill has been delayed until June 1, but our trash contract does not include yard waste except when it is included in recycling.

LARGE ITEM PICKUP: April 28 is the Stream Cleanup. A flyer is expected. Sue has prepared an announcement for week of April 21-27 for residents to put out their large items for their neighbors to pick over. Larry Walker will trash what is overlooked on Saturday, April 28.

WOODS PRESENTATION: Elaine Schmerling's talk will be this Saturday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. here at the Buzz.

SPLIT RAIL FENCE: David will take care of this.

WAYNE SMITH RETIRES AS STATE REP: Pat Morrison may be running for his open seat.

MOWING CONTRACT: \$9,100 last year (where it has been for years), has increased to \$10,000, a

10% increase, which was approved unanimously, in large measure because Turning Leaf has been doing such good work. Mowing and leaf pickup was \$10,500 or so last fall.

TOWN OFFICE: Town office will probably be located here at the Buzz. To provide room for this, the Buzz Ware Village Center Committee proposes erecting a second shed. Steven suggests new one match old one. David suggest Robbie Fitzgerald(sp?) who is now Arden Club's bookkeeper. The town office, to be located behind the stage, will need a spruced up exterior entrance and walkway.

SNOW REMOVAL: An invoice has been submitted, for work with several problems. \$2,950 is bill not including last light snow or last night's snow.

TREES MARKED ON HARVEY ROAD: David noted new trees with painted green markings along Harvey Road and a pink arrow on asphalt.

PINE TREE ON SHERWOOD GREEN: Pine tree overlooking basketball court has lost several large limbs. It may be in trouble.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Faithfully Submitted,
Danny Schweers, Secretary