

Civic Committee - September 16, 2008
Minutes: Annie Scmittinger

Steven Blades, Sue Rothrock, Connee McKenney, Bill Theis, Greg Morrison, Ann Schmittinger, Mike Curtis.
Bill Theis for Advisory and Connee & Mike for Trustees.

Bulletin Board was reviewed and approved.

Arthur Stevenson called about tree falling from woods onto leasehold, resides on Fire Lane/Marsh Rd. Mike looked at tree - power company cut off wires. Sue informed the Forest Committee.

Minutes from Last Month: Warren Rosenkrantz attended last month to discuss possibility of Community Gardens - Shelly Robyns put piece in Arden Page inquiring if any interest in community gardens.

Roads - not much done in Arden. Started in Ardentown. Two more storm drains collapsing on Lower Lane. 4 storm drains replaced in 4 yrs.

Town Bulletin Board up and running. Discussed getting a solar light placed on bulletin board.
Tree behind it, Ash Tree, which has bore beetles, should be cut down.

Patros Path still looks good. Damon cleaning up paths.

Speed bumps - contract signed and in. Parking out front of BWVC & entrance at Sherwood & Marsh will be repainted. No DO NOT ENTER sign at Marsh &

Sherwood. Stripping company wanted \$400 for a DO NOT ENTER sign.
Reviewed budget last month.

Lawn Mowing: Sue received letter from Turf Management. She has not been able to review yet. But will advise by next month. Turning Leaf may put in a bid as well. Speed limit discussed, but should be deferred to Safety Committee. People have expressed desire for a 15 mph speed limit. Discussed perhaps need for another 25 mph sign on Harvey Rd.

Minutes approved from last month.

New Business:

Trail Grant: we will not be receiving grant next year. Delaware General Assembly did not approve funds for next year - We receive trail grant funds beginning of March but it is for our next fiscal year. Accounting firm was supposed to hold the grant check, but put on the books for last year, and did not list \$950 we received. We hold grant check until next fiscal year.

Bark for Barack: Progressive Dems for Delaware requested a permit to hold a rally for animal welfare. No Barack. 500 to 700 people with dogs. Unanimously decided that civic is against holding this type of dog rally.

Safety Committee provided civic with a list of places where bushes, etc. block views at intersections. Inn & Walnut. Harvey & Little. Lovers @ Sherwood, etc. Reviewed draft letter to fill in & address specific encroachment issues.

Right-of-way on Harvey Rd. belongs to State. Civic doesn't do cutting. Safety has done some cutting. Duty of Civic Comm. is to exercise general supervision. According to Ordinance, civic empowered to determine if problem exists. If leaseholder does not pay for removal within 30 days, then civic empowered to charge for service to remove. Leaseholder can appeal. Due process exists for the leaseholder/resident. Discussion that Town Secretary should send out form letter to leaseholders. Discussion regarding determination of right of ways based on Ordinance 11 and surveys - which show discrepancies.

Connee refers to Welcome Packet - want to put Forest Stewardship & Ordinance 11/Encroachment letter in packet. Realtors should be in receipt of encroachment ordinance for transfers. Realtors packages state "no deed restrictions." Problem with new purchasers at settlement or after settlement finding out restrictions/encroachments/use of commons - can Trustees give it to realtors to inform potential new residents. Will assuage problems with new leaseholders. NCC Association of Realtors - it is a leasehold restriction. Why won't realtors disclose the deed restrictions. Discussed that we provide something to Board of Realtors so potential buyers can view deed restrictions. Trustees to give to Board of Realtors Welcome Packet/letters re: ordinance 11. Where is the front of your house? Matters when a detached structure would be erected. Trustees doing open meeting, trees, commons, etc.

Accountant's Meeting: Thursday night, 9/18/08 7:30 p.m. BWVC. Next meeting

Civic: Third Monday October 20, 2008.
Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.
Stated on the record: hedgerow community of Arden is maintained.