

Civic Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2009

Present: Sue Rothrock, Dale Brumbaugh, Rodney Jester, Ann Schmittinger, Elaine Hickey
(Secretary, Village of Arden)

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Sue Rothrock at 7:40 PM.

Old Business

Signage - The Handicap Parking sign is back up in front of the Buzz Ware.
The new signs have been ordered from Village Sign Crafters. Rodney signed the Voucher.

Electronic Recycling - Electronic Recycling is this Saturday, May 16th. The announcement about the Large Item pick-up (that those items can be placed out on any trash pick-up day; and which types of items may or may not be placed out) did not make it into the May issue of *The Page*.

Roads Walk – Dale mentioned that The Sweep area looks bad. Sue said it has not been mowed due to all the rain we've had and the very wet conditions. Also, regarding that area, Dave Yoder said that he will replace the posts for \$60. Sue said we might have 4 posts in the Spring House and that she will get them out for Dave to install.

Tree Management Grant – Our grant is for “pruning and maintenance.” We need one for “planting.” The grant application process is suppose to be easier now.

Spring House Roof – Dave Burslem has given Sue a proposal but he only wants to replace with an asphalt roof. The proposal is: \$3500 for 50 year shingles or \$3000 for 30 year shingles. Everyone thought that price was too high. Sue is getting bids for metal roofing and possibly putting in additional collar ties. Rodney said that Wayne Hall does put on metal roofs.

Parking – Steve Cohen was ill and unable to attend the meeting on Thursday, April 30th. The cost for the various options which were discussed are:

\$15,000 to extend the parking in front of the Buzz Ware.

\$25,000 to redo existing Green area with turf stone.

If we go to the back stop it would be \$7/sq. ft.

There was no date set for the next meeting.

New Business

Permit Form

The Permit Form has been revised to include a “hold harmless” clause. Steven sent it to our attorney for approval. We are still waiting for that, however there should be no problem since the clause was taken from New Castle County's Permit Form.

Rodney mentioned that we also need a document from the Arden Club that will indemnitize the Town from any damages and that the document be renewable each year.

There is currently a permit request from ACRA from D Bittinger asking for permission to build a fire at Indian Circle on the evening of Friday, May 15th for an outing there with a group of teenagers. Sue is concerned because D put on the Permit Form that there will be at least one

chaperone. For safety reasons, Sue feels there should be more chaperones. A tree is down across the path that leads to Indian Circle. Also, Sue received an email from Nate Cloud who lives on Indian Field across the creek and he reports that he has seen fires in the wood at night and evidence that someone, possibly homeless, might be living in the woods.

Field Theater

The tree that fell has been replaced with a new post. Other trees that held lights were taken down and replaced with new posts. The new posts hold the lights for the theater and are nicely made to also accommodate hanging signs or banners. Civic would like to plant trees to replace those taken down – or at least one tree. We could possibly go to Woodlawn to get trees – something tall. The Delaware Forestry Service has a guide we can use, but we do not want to get trees that have acorns, nuts, or seeds. Suggestions included Kentucky Coffee, Linden, and Stewartia. Rodney will get a list from Norm and pass it along to Sue. If we don't put a tree in right away we will wait until fall.

Monthly Meeting

It was decided to move the regular monthly meeting to the 2nd Monday of the month.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:30 in the BWVC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Hickey
Secretary, Village of Arden