

**Civic Monthly Meeting**  
**August 6, 2013**

**Attendance:**

Guest: Toby Riding

Members: Ed Rohrbach, Rodney Jester, Valery Hutchinson & Tom Wheeler

Meeting Convened: 7:03 p. m.

**Communal Garden**

Rodney: Does not think the Civic Committee should make the decision since the town originally made the decision to plant those trees and came up with a landscaping plan for the green. The children's playground has been converted to a communal garden with a tree that is shading the garden. Whether the tree is cut down or not Rodney believes it is the gardeners responsibly to present their views and request to the town assembly.

Tom: A suggestion was proposed to expand the garden into the sun and shift things around so the tree and the garden would remain in its current location. His understanding is that the gardeners were not interested.

Toby: The gardeners are interested in using the garden to the maximum in its current location.

Ed: That is the motion you want to bring to town assembly; it is not the civic committee decision.

Toby is concerned that the town might not know which tree in the garden they are referring to.

Ed suggests to take a picture of the tree. Rodney further added to provide copies of the garden plot and identify the tree and its relation to the garden plot. Provide visual handouts at the town meeting.

Tom wanted to know why can't the garden go into the sun a little bit.

Toby has been documenting the rotation of the sun around the garden and she discovered there is no sun beyond the garden fence. Toby received a letter from Peter Lindtner reasons why he recommends removal of the tree. (Copy attached)

**Sue Rothrock Email:**

Rodney Jester reviewed email from Sue Rothrock. (Copy attached)

New band deck encroached on town land and probably not built with a permit.

Rodney: If we are going to allow this, we need to obtain a letter indemnifying the Village from any legal aspect. (Liability issue). It is one lot in that there is no dividing boundary between memorial garden and the Ardens.

Tom thinks it makes sense to have memorial gardens under Civic. Civic should request to take it back. Will present at next Town Advisory.

Recommendation: Band deck along with electrical box needs to be moved because it presents a huge encroachment and a huge liability.

Tanzer property damage by Ron's truck. Ed went down to investigate and said he really did not see

anything other than some very small tire ruts from Ron's truck.

Tom also went down to check it out and he observed that the trenches were cleaned which helped the drainage situation.

Ed does not see any indication that those curb stones moved. They were displaced years ago; nothing recent.

### **2409 Woodland Ln ( Bob Wynn's & sons Leasehold)**

Tom Wheeler has removed himself formally from any discussions pertaining to Bob Wynn's leasehold because he has been retained by Bob Wynn to market 2409 Woodland Ln.

Copy of letter sent to Bob Wynn from the Forest Committee (per attachment)

### **Roads**

#### **E. Earle Downing, Inc Proposal**

Ed reviewed contract proposal by E. Earle Downing, Inc. Asphalt Pavement Specialists (copy attached).

- Ed Survey roads, pot holes and repaving. Costs \$7, 987.50.
- Repaving a section of Pond Ln to install a concrete gutter. The pavement is eroding away where there is drainage problem. Tom believes the road (not all but a large part of the road) is on Alton's leasehold. The road is on Ed's map. Install a concrete drainage swale across the road to get the water so it does not continue to erode the road. Cost concrete drainage swale \$2,825.
- Paving Woodland Lane (Green Ln to the end of Nordheimer's driveway). Repave whole road because it is completely disintegrated. Tom requested that it be gravel so people can park (Gravel is not part of the bid). Tom is bringing it up as a Civic item because the ordinance stipulates park two wheels on and two wheels off. Ed says typically that is up to the Lessee to pave their own. If you want to provide a place off the road for people to park, that is the leaseholder's responsibility. Tom pointed out that in the past Ron Ozer's property was graveled by the town and they have requested we do it again. Ed does not think this is the towns responsibility. Rodney says the town allowed off street parking but it is the leaseholders responsibility to maintain it. They were not allowed to put anything permanent there that could not be torn up to access utilities. Ed we are not graveling shoulders. Everyone has shoulders and that could become a big issue. Cost \$6,755.00
- Section of st Martins Ln it is about 230 feet and 10 ft wide. \$5,855.00
- Section walnut between 2323 to 2320 bad shape proposing to pave in the same way. \$8,655.
- Restoring the paint on the speed bumps so people can see them better. \$1,625.00 If you want additional speed bumps it would be \$75/each.

Total Proposal \$33, 702.50 plus additional cost to cover paving Little Ln (near Cookie Ohlson)

Group believes there are sufficient municipal street funds available of approximately \$44,000 to cover proposal. In addition, beginning 2014 budget approximately \$17,000. Also, Ed pointed out that Civic received a letter from the Department of Transportation dated July 9, 2013 awarding a grant from the state of Delaware in the amount of \$5,000. The group agreed Downey's Proposal is Ok provided they added paving Little Ln and gravel road near or on side of Nordheimer's leaseholde.

### Trees

Tom Wanted to know if Ed had a chance to check out the tree on Lovers Ln path? Ed does not believe the beach tree is on town property. It is very narrow path and he believes it is on Mary Arden's parents' leasehold (1913 Orleans Rd). They need to be contacted to inform them it is deemed to be unsafe. If no response to your letter then contact Mike Curtis.

Valery: Two trees located near Val's and Burslem on Lower Ln. Ed saw a tree leaning but not dead or did not see any problem.

Tom agrees with Patros path and thinks Lovers Ln path needs to be cleaned up with a weed whacker. Heritage guy contact.

Adjourn meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth Resko  
Arden Town Secretary