

Civic Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2012

Attendance: Ed Rohrbach, Val Hutchinson, Rodney Jester, and Tom Wheeler.

The meeting was convened at 7:01 pm

Roads

Storm Drain Grates

Ed looked at storm drain grates and he could not find any that needed to be replaced. He found some with cracks but in his opinion they did not need to be replaced.

Val was interested in how often the storm drain grates were cleaned. Larry and Tom started to clean grates out two days before the 2011 hurricane in response to leaseholders on Millers Road. Larry continued to work on them after the storm. Larry questioned if some needed to be rebuild because he thought the masonry needed to be repaired. Ed did not agree that masonry repairs were required at this point.

Paving

Ed obtained a list of repairs needed but not a price from Downing.

Three roads that need repaving:

- 1) The worst road is the one in front of Liz Resko's house on the Orleans side.
- 2) Between Miller and Harvey. The road is still intact but it gets a lot of wear and is the most visible.
- 3). Green lane at the green between Cherry and Woodland.

Ed is obtaining a price quote for resurfacing.

Val wanted to know if Millers Road and Orleans Road were a one way? Tom commented that the village is not consistently controlled and that is a safety committee issue.

Street Signs

Val spoke to Ruth Bean who pointed out that Meadow Lane and Harvey needs another sign. Also the spring house has moisture and concerned for the signs storage. Ruth offered to store signs but consensus is the signs are fine being stored in spring house.

Tom said two signs were requested by the swim club and they agreed to pay for them.

Trees

Ed said that Ruth Bean thinks the tree down in the Memorial gardens area she believes belongs to the town. She has already taken it down.

Val read a note from Ruth Bean as follows: Paid for maintenance of trees (spraying, feeding & pruning) from July 2011 to July 2012 \$2,934.00. The goal is to take care of many "specimens" trees & trees/shrubs planted in memory of Ardenites. To provide a peaceful "mini arboretum". Rickemand was paid on July 31 in the amount of \$2,168 to take down the tree in memorial garden.

Ed believes Ruth has maintenance funds for memorial garden.

Tom believes the memorial gardens are the purview of the community planning committee. As a matter of process committees seek the help of other committees.

Rodney expressed concerns whether the tree was threatening and dangerous?

Ed said he Ruth thought it was.

Tom expressed being sympathetic that it bothered Ruth but he was not sure if is civics' responsibility.

Rodney felt if the tree had been a hazard for while, he would have liked to been informed in advance before the tree was removed. Rodney wanted to know who was responsible for paying for the removal of the tree? And he feels that there should have been some dialogue.

Ed said that Ruth asked if the civic committee will pay for the tree removal. If civic will not pay, then she feels that she would have to use memorial garden's maintenance fund. She gets this money from people who donate to the memorial garden. I do not know how much she has in there.

The committee agreed that Ruth should send the bill to planning. Val will send a note to Ruth to inform her of what the Civic committee discussed.

Rodney thought the town can make the decision.

Trees

Burslem's Tree

Tom suggested passing on it. No need to remove the tree and he wanted to know if the road needed any repair work. Ed said maybe someday but until then it is not an issue.

McKinney's Tree

McKinney requested the town to take the tree down that is over their garage because there is a right of way. However it appears the survey just says it is a right away. Ed believes the deed is the formal document that should clarify it. Rodney thinks it is probably a private right of way which is not shown on the town map. It was agreed the right of way should be between the two leaseholders provided it is not on town land.

Ed took a look at the survey he brought to the meeting and he says it appears by the survey that it is McKinney's land with the access.

Tom suggests McKinney and Politis should work it out. Have it on record that we did look at it. Rodney agrees that it is a leasehold issue. Tom agreed to inform them that the civic committee looked at it and concluded it is between leaseholders to resolve.

Fire Hydrant markers

Val noticed on Lower Lane two fire hydrant markers were missing. Val would like to do an inventory to determine if many of them were lost. If that is the case, then it might be best to put them up right before a snow storms and then take them down after storm.

Planting and Replacing trees

It has been suggested it would be nice to weed and clean up the island of flower beds located in the front of the BWVC to spruced up before the Arden Fair. They will check with the folks of BWVC to see how they feel about it. It is only three weeks before the Fair.

Tom and the group agreed to do a walk around the big green to decide where additional planting is needed to replace dead or dying trees.. Ed would not be available for walk around but agreed to email the group with his input. Rodney thinks a comprehensive plan is needed.

Field Theater Policy

Liz being responsible for permission forms asked what the policy was for the field thereafter. They are as follows:

- 1) Change in date. No new permission form is required to be filled out a second time. Cross off the old date and write in new date directly on original permit form. Leave paper trail on same permit for change of date.
- 2) Cancellation policy in terms of refund. Cancellation requires written notice seven days prior to the scheduled event. A refund is given with written notice.
- 3) Rain Cancellation. No refund. Plan on rain and make arrangement such as setting up a tent or reserving the Gild hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Resko

Secretary, Village of Arden

