

Arden Civic Committee Agenda

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Approval of April 28, 2021 Minutes

Categories

- Administrative
- Roads
 - Painting
 - Potholes and Sinkhole
 - Priorities
- Projects / Grants
 - Water Management Grant
 - DE Congressionally Directed Spending
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 - T-Mobile Tower Access/Construction
 - Calendar
- Maintenance Projects (Status)
 - Meadow Lane Fence Posts
 - Signs
 - Trash Can Holders
 - Path Barrier Removal
 - Bench Painting
- Tree Work
- Greens
 - One Thousand Hands Project Refund
 - Aeration
 - Completed / Planned / Prospective
- Seasonal Contract Oversight
 - American Grass Branch Removal
- Miscellaneous
 - Right-of-Way Clearing along Harvey Rd. or Marsh Rd.

Zoom Meeting Information

Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/480638694?pwd=SEE5dEZmN09jaFNQeUZCSE1OWIFsUT09>

Meeting ID: 480 638 694

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This information is also online
at www.arden.delaware.gov on
the Civic Page.

Other Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

Attendance: Steve Benigni, Carol Larson, Ed Rohrbach, Mark Wood.

Absent: Rick Farrell

Call to Order: Steve called meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: April 2021 minutes approved as presented.

Categories

- Administrative

Currently Barrish's leasehold at 2316 will transfer. Civic Committee will review lease transfers as they come up. Main responsibility of Civic is to make sure fences conform to boundary regs. Hedge needs to be cut back, which is Safety Committee responsibility.

- Roads

- Painting, Potholes & Sinkhole (Priorities)

Rick is out of town, but provided a few bullet points regarding the upcoming Ed Smith work.

Here are the highlights:

- Smith was intending to begin last Wednesday, but requested a delay until the following week
- I countered with the week of June 1st because I will be back from Florida and want to be here when they start.
- The work will include painting traffic directional aides and speed bumps, the "sink" hole on Millers, and various pot hole repairs.
- The bid for this work was very good and the funds are in our account to pay for these repairs as previously agreed to and discussed.
- I will review staging and set up to minimize inconvenience

Civic group authorized Rick to go ahead with pot holes.

- Projects / Grants
 - Water Management Grant

Drew will present report at June town meeting.
 - DE Congressionally Directed Spending
- Permits / Reservations
 - T-Mobile Tower Access/Construction

Jeff is willing to sign a letter of non-objections based on approval from both Civic Committee and Community Planning. Committee. Note: It is contingent on any damage to the woods being their responsibility to return in the condition they receive it.
 - Calendar
- Maintenance Projects (Status)
 - Meadow Lane Fence Posts.

Dave Claney replaced two posts and put the rail back. Ed approved finished work.

BWVC is considering not continuing with Dave. If that is the case, does Civic Committee still want him to remain on books because of cost of contractor's insurance? In the meantime, look into other resources available.
 - Signs

Mark will start putting up new street signs and he will try to estimate how much time it takes to install a sign.
 - Trash Can Holders

Harold has the 4x4 posts stored in his yard. He is waiting for the Cypress wood that is used for the sides of the enclosed trash cans is on back order. The order was placed over a month ago and he warns by the time it is received, the price could go up.

- Path Barrier Removal

Harold is planning to help Ken with the pipe barriers once Ken's injuries are healed. Until then, it's on hold.

- Bench Painting

Dave Claney has a power washing machine but he has no access to water. Steve will take a bucket of water and clean them up.

- Tree Work

Carol Larson is planning on protecting the Ash Trees from Emerald Ash Borer with a systemic trunk injection treatment instead of letting them die or be removed, which could be costly.

- Green

- One Thousand Hands Project Refund

Civic Committee believed One Thousand Hands Project contract was not being fulfilled as intended. They sent a letter stating they did not agree with Civic Committee's assessment, but offered a partial refund \$400 for the first project and a complete refund for the second project. They will not submit bids in the future.

- Aeration

Ardentown is considering purchasing their own aeration machine and having all three Ardens be a partner. Can't aerate right now because the ground is too hard. Need a lot of rain to soften ground. Postpone until ground softens and see what the other two Ardens are doing.

- Completed / Planned / Prospective

- Seasonal Contract Oversight

- American Grass Branch Removal

Seth van Neerden quoted a onetime fee of \$250 plus \$50 per cut. Since his proposal, most twigs and downed branches have been removed. Steve would like to see removal of those big piles of branches that have been laying around for a long time, but not at this price. Maybe have Dave Claney do a onetime pick up and have American do the \$50 per cut and see how that works out. Table because price is an issue and monitor and see what happens.

- Miscellaneous

- Rights-of-Way

- Clearing along Harvey Rd. or Marsh Rd. Thanks to Mark for clearing the path.

- Carol Larson cut back some of Cookie Ohlson's bamboo after she contacted Civic to help her cut it back. Civic believes it is Safety Committee's jurisdiction. Steve was wondering if there was anything the community can do to assist leaseholders who are having trouble clearing the rights of way? Mark, who is a member of Community Planning, believes that maybe they can come up with a plan to assist leaseholder. He will bring it up at the next CP meeting.

- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial and Walt Whiteman Memorial
Civic Committee is interested in Archives Committee's input to help them come up with a way to appropriately memorialize these two memorials.

Other

Old Business

- Wire hanging near Warren's house will be addressed by Verizon tomorrow.

New Business

Adjourn 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Resko

Village Secretary