

Arden Civic Committee Agenda

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Buzz Ware Village Center (Zoom Access Available: See Box Below)

Attendance: Steve Benigni, Ed Rohrbach, Carol Larson, Rick Farrell, Mark Wood

Call to Order 7:32 p.m.

Approval of May 25, 2022 Minutes. Minutes approved contingent on the following changes: Page 4 add a “d” to Advance (Advanced Ecology) and change the dollar amount for cleaning catch basin from \$27,750 to \$2,775.

Categories

- Administrative

- Budget Priorities

Steve suggests for all to keep in mind budget priorities for best use of funds.

- IT meeting is scheduled with Steve to fix his webmail.

- DNREC SWMPG

A formal vote was put forth that was unanimously approved by the Civic Committee to hire Foresite Associates (who are the architects of SWMP) to execute the Watershed Plan. The Committee has been pleased with their past work. They have confidence that Foresite Associates has the ability to obtain grants due to their familiarity with the Delaware Grant cycle and familiarity with personnel. They have confidence in their design capability in terms of landscaping. They are expensive compared to other companies.

Their price is the highest of all the bids submitted, but these funds were granted via a Special Town meeting ARPA vote. A reminder that these funds do not raise taxes because they are ARPA funds combined with matching grants that will pay for the watershed.

- ORPT

A pre-application has been submitted. They are waiting to hear back from them. Will need more information for the actual application.

- Roads / Paths

- Paving/Patching Priorities & Schedule

Paving by Ed Smith is probably ready to go in thirty days.

Areas identified to be repaved:

- ✚ Millers Rd (between Little Lane and Orleans) 1,000 ft;

- ✚ Hillside Rd and Wind Ln at the intersection. On Wind Ln 1,500 ft. &

On Hillside 2,600 ft.

Approximately 5,100 sq. ft at a cost of \$10,500 (\$2/per priorities.)

Concern that repaving will interfere with the SWMP installation that is scheduled around the same time as the paving. Rick will schedule around this. He will send everyone a color-coded version of last year's paving and this years proposed. He will include que for next year.

- Concrete Gutters

Gutter insulation on Meadow Lane and Pond Lane have a combined total of 440 ft x 2 ft wide at a cost of \$15,000. Rick will provide a Village map. They can match it up with the storm water plan to see if there are any overlaps.

- 2314 Walnut (Barb Shippy)

Rick looked at her leasehold under active water flow conditions and he observed standing water on her leasehold but he doesn't think it all came from the road. He will obtain an engineer's opinion with some solution options.

- Grocery Path Signpost

Post is rotted at the bottom where there is a metal plate that is not repairable and possibly not replaceable. Ed will investigate replacing the whole post with treated 4 x 4 lumber that would anchor into concrete base.

- Bid to Clean Out Catch Basins

Three proposals:

- 1) One time clean out at a cost of \$2,775.
- 2) Once a month clean at \$7,200/yr.
- 3) Every other month at \$3,600/yr.

Other than the initial one time clean out, it appears that the maintenance cost might be too expensive. Rick and Ed will check out the catch basins

and make their recommendations. Rick recommends Limen House, a recovery facility, to hire some of their people to quarterly clean out basins. Their charge is limited to no more than \$15/hr. They probably will be covered under uninsured sub-contractors”.

- Trash Tech Services

- Comingling

People are reporting that it looks like Trash Tech is comingling trash, recyclables, and yard waste. They have a new split body truck that has two compartments that is top loading and can be controlled mechanically by the driver who determines which bin to funnel it to.

People are still not convinced that they are separating as they claim. So, Steve decided to investigate it further by contacting the Delaware Solid Waste Authority and spoke with Adam Schlachter, Environmental Program Manager, who is well versed in compliance. Adam spoke with Trash Tech and confirmed that they do have this technology and they are using it. He assured Ardenites in a letter that they are adhering to the states yard waste bins from their landfills and materials are being handled properly.

- A new trash schedule was created and will be maintained by Steve Benigni. All holidays trash pick-up will be on Thursdays and will be reflected on the communal calendars.

- Billing has been corrected and being billed per contract terms.
- Permits / Reservations
 - Eagle Scout Project Update

It is formally considered to be Playground Committees charge. They would like a movable/storable structure that is not set up on grass.
- Maintenance Projects
 - Field Theater

Work performed: Two new posts installed on old fence. Planning on replacing fence and extending it to cover a sight line back stage. Mulched behind pathway backstage and removed significant amount of ivy.

Rotted boards on benches were replaced and sanded. Plan on staining benches after Shakespeare June's performance.
 - "Uninsured Subcontractors" Hiring independent individuals for small jobs is covered under "uninsured subcontractors" was well vetted at Advisory Meeting.
- Tree Work

Sassafras tree on Lover's Lane is dead. Part of the tree is in right of way.

Cost to remove \$950 (approve to remove).

\$650 to remove Ash Tree hanging over Meadow Lane and \$600 for Sycamore Leader.

- Greens

Holes:

Back of BWVC there is a dangerous fall off from blacktop to ground where there is a drain pipe. The front of BWVC where the picnic table is. there are holes in the ground. Also, some holes at the Field Theater and where the old trash cans were across from Warrens leasehold. Carol and Steve will check these out.

Post at the Stile still need to be fixed. Ed will take care of it.

- Seasonal Contracts

- American Grass Cleanups

Rather than pick up sticks automatically every other mowing, now will remove sticks as needed. Basically, at their discretion. Request a picture (cell phone) of pile of sticks collected right before loading into their truck and submit photo with invoice. Make sure Civic see photo first.

- Recommends clearing Patros Path twice a year (fall and spring) for approx. \$100 to \$125/ea.

- Miscellaneous

- Parking

Yesterday it was observed that the swim meet had parking overflow problems and there is concern because a major swim meet championship is scheduled in Arden for July 18th which is an all-day

event. Previously, Civic sent an email detailing their responsibility to adhere to Arden parking regulations that prohibits parking in front of driveways and intersections, or park with their two wheels off the road as well as listed other responsibilities. They have expressed interest in parking on the big Green and they offered to take care of any damage. This needs to be discussed but the problem is they probably are not aware how costly it is to restore the Green. Since the Championship event happens prior to the next Civic's monthly meeting, Rick suggests a face-to-face meeting to let them know what has been communicated to them in the past. Civic believes after observing yesterday's overflow parking, it appears that they do not understand their role and their responsibility and by having an in- person meeting, this will help make it better understood. Civic can present suggestions that can mitigate the volume of traffic before event if it is managed starting now. Visitors will be asked to car pool due to limited spaces and if you arrive there might not be a parking space, in which case they will need to park elsewhere. Request someone to manage the parking who is knowledgeable and experienced to direct the traffic.

- Disposal of Village Property

Hobby horse's disposal is the responsibility of the Playground

Committee. Each committee can dispose of their no longer used items

the way they see fit as long as they are fair in that all have opportunity to obtain item.

- o Civic would like a meeting with Safety, and Forest Committees in conjunction with Ordinance sub-committee to discuss and resolve jurisdiction issues under Ordinance #11. To be scheduled.

Adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Resko,

Village Secretary

Adjourn 9: 04

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