

Arden Civic Committee Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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

Call to Order 7:32 p.m.

Minutes - December 28, 2022 Minutes Approved as presented.

Categories

- Administrative
 - Elections
Mark Wood will not be running again. Ed Rohrbach and Rick Farrell will be running. Walt Borders showed interest. Ed will follow up on the suggested names submitted. As of now they need 4 by end of March.
 - GTF Request: Policies & Procedures
The Village does not have readily available Policies and Procedures as a village and individual committees. To address this the Governance Task Force has requested that the Village and the committees as a whole to compile a written /accessible set of policies and procedures by the end of February so that anybody who wants to know how things work in Arden they can find them on line or in some kind of document. They have been solidifying the terms. The commonly held definition of Policies and Procedures is Policies are the guidelines which an organization follows in certain situations and Procedures are the steps that are done to act upon. At the January town meeting Jeff Politis suggested that Forest & Civic Committees write an herbicide policy. A Tree policy will be developed by a representative from Forest Committee, Civic Committee and the Trust.
 - Ordinance 11 deals with rights-of-way which leaves a lot of the responsibility up to the Safety Committee except for the larger trees which they have to figure out how to define and whether a branch from one of the town's trees is hanging over a leasehold's property is the towns or leaseholders' responsibility. Civic committee will remove branch from L. Kolski's property. Keep GTF updated.
- Projects / Grants
 - SWMPG
Foresite started preliminary files, drawings and they have been surveying. They want a preliminary meeting in May with core group including Civic and whoever else wants to attend. Carol says they have to decide how the information is going to go out to the town and she will ask what

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exactly will be ready in May. There have been no implementation grants since the last round. They are hoping that something will come out to meet their timeline so they can spend their ARPA funds.

- ORPT

The grant has been approved and the paperwork has been sent in. Civic is aware to track cost so there is no overage and will make sure it is ADA friendly and will discuss all this with Mike Tholstrup, DNRC-ORPT Administrator at Parks and Recreation to make sure all is in order. Carol wants to find out what kind of design draft they want. She does not think a flat paving will meet their specifications. They need to figure out some kind of a sign/plaque to acknowledge ORPT grant/DNREC funded project because it is a requirement. Waiting for good weather to pull bamboo in the late spring or mid-summer.

- Roads / Paths

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Approximately \$10,000 in MSA funds are available. This time of year, they can only do cold patch repair's and they will have to wait till the weather changes to do full road work.

At Orleans and Millers circle there was a sign that the Safety Committee removed and replaced with several smaller signs to the left on the corner. There were some concerns about the safety there. This is Safety Committees responsibility but the arrows at that location was painted by the Civic Committee and they missed painting one of those arrows which is abutting along Millers. That needs to be painted so people can see that they can not drive here.

Paths

Civic Committee brought to Safety Committees' attention that there is a falling fence on the Milky Way path (2209 The Sweep) that might be hazardous. They believe the leaseholder removed some sections but there are still more sections that are unsafe.

A resident wants to know who is responsible to clean up the clutter along Lover's Lane? Ordinance 11 says it is up to the leaseholders and Safety Committee.

- Greens

- The Arden Club will continue to work with the Village to mitigate any damage caused by the club traffic on the Sherwood Green and the Main Green. The mat covers a small area. Because it was expensive, they only covered a small area with the mat as an experiment. Now that it's been

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down for a while it has been determined that it works as intended and they would like to extend it over towards the BWVC building. The mat goes over to the middle of the tree but they park routinely beyond the mat at least 3 or 5 more cars. They will obtain estimates to extend matting.

- Some people who park on the Sherwood Green overflow area exit by driving over the side directly onto the road as oppose to driving out the exit. Civic believes some kind of a barrier is needed (split rail, fence, rock, bolder, sculptor, etc.). Carol will get a map to show where to install a fence. They have to be careful because one of the storm water plan projects is along the edge.
- Trash Tech Services
There was a slight bill discrepancy and is being investigated.
- Permits/Reservations No updates
- Maintenance Projects
 - BB Cover
Ed will take care of bulletin board cover.
 - Orleans / Harvey Collapse
DelDot will take care of when weather permits.
- Tree Work
 - Fels Oak
No opposition at the Town Assembly and they will go forward since it was approved.
- Miscellaneous
 - Civic Committee was contacted to see if they observed the lawn at 2100 Wynn Lane (Corner Wynn & Hillside). There are three spots where cars parked on the lawn creating large ruts, gutted it and it looks awful. They wanted to know what could be done to clean this up. Steve confirmed that there is nothing that can be done because it's a county issue.
 - Connecting with the Ardens a public meeting is scheduled on February 15th for the transportation plan. They will put forth possible plans to mitigate traffic especially around Harvey Rd. Carol and Steve are still members of the steering committee. They are keeping abreast of anything they need to know as far as Civic is concerned.
 - Someone approached Carol about leaf collecting in the drains and the gutters. Ed suggests a machine that sucks up leaves can be done once or twice a year. Steve was unable to attend to the drains before the one huge rain in the fall because he had COVID. Shortly after there was another rain and he went out to clear the drains and noticed all the

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- leaves have fallen but the drains had few leaves because either the residents must have gone out to clean them or maybe the rain cleared them off. Only 4 or 5 drains were clogged especially the two on Harvey Rd which were a mess. Part of what caused Meadow Lane to fall apart is the drains were clogged, the water rushed down and peeled off the paving.
- Urban and Community Forestry grants are up. Carol would not be interest in a full grant unless they had more than 5 trees to put in.

Adjourn 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Resko
Village secretary