

# Arden Civic Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

**Attendance:** Steve Benigni, Rick Ferrell, Carol Larson, Walt Borders

Steve Benigni called a regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of June 28, 2023 Minutes

## Categories

- **Administrative**
  - **Budget Committee Correspondence**

Debra Ricard asked the Civic Committee to lower it's projected budget for the upcoming referendum to help make the overall village budget "flat". Steve makes the motion to reduce our budget by \$5000, with the stipulation of possibly rescinding that amount, after discussion was adopted.
- **Clubhouse Path**

Steve reported on that he received an email from Jennifer Lieber stating that the Accessibility/Accountability Board approved our ADA plan for the Clubhouse Path. To meet the guidelines Rich Cropper will take the 100 feet and make a slope of 3.5% so as to fall under the 5% slope limit. The bamboo is being removed by volunteers.
- **Projects / Grants**
  - **ORPT**

Steve reports that the ORPT project is on schedule.
  - **SWMPG**

Carol is waiting on Drew for a progress report.
- **Roads / Paths**
  - **MUTCD Road Markings Standards**

Rick reported that all the MUTCD arrows will be white and nonreflective paint.
  - **Patros Path to Field Theatre crosswalk** will be painted out as unnecessary.
  - **Appletree corner patch request**

Will ask Ardentown to cover 50% of repair. Asked committee to check.
  - **Pond Lane request**

Top of Pond Lane, right hand side, pavement collapsing. Asked committee to check.
  - **Miller Road request**

The possibility of adding speed bumps. The committee will monitor the situation.
  - **Harvey and Orleans Intersection, north side**

Will need recurring maintenance.
  - **Harvey and Orleans Sign Post, south side**

Needs to rotated 45 degrees so the Craft Shop Museum points correctly.
  - **2118 Hillside Paving Extension:**

Paving to the mailbox would make a "bow" in the road. It is the leaseholder's Right of Way responsibility to fill the rut, preferably with gravel.
  - **Flooded Leaseholds Observations:** No action taken at this time. Committee members are to observe the sites during heavy rain events.
  - **Catch Basins**

Wait for Garrett to return.

- **Greens**
  - **Maintenance**  
Carol reported a lot of work done at the Arden Green rain garden to remove invasive and overgrown plants. Many downed branches removed and chipped.
  - **Sherwood Overflow Parking**  
Discussion about resurfacing
- **Field Theater**
  - **Rototilling**  
Carol reports that rototilling isn't recommended in this case and so it will not be done.
- **Trash Tech Services**  
Steve reported no update on services or from Jeff Politis about what the village is going to do.
- **Arden Construction Snow Plowing & Salting**  
Rick will prepare a contract. We will ask that the previous retainer will be credited to our account.
- **Permits / Reservations**
  - **Parking Policy**  
The committee confirmed that the Arden Fair and Shakespeare Gild performances are the only events with permission to park on the Village Green.
  - **Categorized Fee Policy**  
The committee postponed discussion on whether to charge a Field Theater use fee for Arden-related events that charge an admission fee, such as the Concert Gild's recent concert. We will report our recommendation to Town Assembly for any action it may wish to take.
- **Maintenance Projects**
  - **Millers Rd. Fence Rails**  
We need to find a volunteer or hire someone with a truck to replace the two broken fence rails on Millers Road near Marsh.
- **Tree Work**
  - **Maintenance around the Village**  
Wait until after the Arden Fair.
- **Memorial Plaques**
  - **Walt Whitman and the Soldiers and Sailors memorials**  
With a general agreement, the committee will meet in the future to discuss how to go forward.

**Adjourned Meeting at 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Steve Benigni, Chair  
Minutes taken by Walt Borders