

Village of Ardentown

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Ardentown, Del. 19810

NOTICE

TOWN MEETING

at the Candlelight Theatre
(downstairs)

MONDAY, May 11, 1998

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA (partial)

1. ELECTIONS: Civic Committee - 3 members; 2 year term
Audit Committee - 3 members; 1 year term
2. 28 ACRES OF LAND UPDATE: Chris Coburn

THE ARDENTOWN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Enclosed with these Town Minutes are the updated guidelines for using the Ardentown Memorial Garden. Please keep these for reference. Also, please consider leaving instructions in your will for a donation to the Garden if you wish for your ashes to be buried there. Donations are needed for the upkeep, improvement, and beautification of the Garden and the donation is tax deductible and should be made payable to the Village of Ardentown with a notation that it is intended for the Memorial Garden.

A Quorum is needed! Please plan to attend.

THE ARDENTOWN MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Ardentown Memorial Garden shall be for the burial of ashes only.

ELIGIBILITY

Anyone who has been a resident of Ardentown for at least five (5) years is eligible for burial, upon request to a representative of the Memorial Garden Committee.

BURIAL SITE.

The burial site will be selected by a member of the surviving family and a representative of the Memorial Garden in keeping with the future plans of the Memorial Garden. The site will be approximately 2x2 feet.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL.

It is the responsibility of the surviving family to arrange with a memorial company for the site excavation, depositing of ashes, and the purchase and placement of the marker.

MARKERS.

Each burial site must be provided with a marker at the time the ashes are interred. Markers must be firmly imbedded in cement and installed level with the ground. Markers may be either bronze or granite and no larger than 9x18 inches.

FLOWERS.

No artificial flowers may be used in the Memorial Garden. Burial site decorations must be removed within a reasonable time.

PLANTINGS.

Permanent plantings on the burial site are not permitted. The Memorial Garden Committee will arrange for all landscaping.

DONATIONS.

There is no fee for a burial site, however, donations are needed for the upkeep, improvement, and beautification of the Memorial Garden .

At the time of interment, donations from family and friends of the deceased are expected and an annual gift is requested thereafter.

Donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to the Village of Ardentown with a notation "For Memorial Garden."

For further information contact a member of the Memorial Garden Committee:

Jack Brandner	475-7794
Terri Hansen	475-7427
Rusty Hoegger	475-7659
Betty Solway Smith	475-7973
Betty Ann Thernal	475-8193

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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:45 PM ON FEBRUARY 9, 1998, CHRISTOPHER COBURN, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 21. Lee Till |
| 2. Ray LaVoie | 22. Charles W. Till |
| 3. Virginia Gotides | 23. Shari Phalan |
| 4. Betty Solway Smith | 24. Jack Brandner |
| 5. Enno Krebbers | 25. Page Dwyer |
| 6. Dotty Verne | 26. Marylou Kime |
| 7. Doris Boller | 27. Ed Kime |
| 8. Sally Decker | 28. Pat Phillips |
| 9. Bob DeNigris | 29. Annie Gutsche |
| 10. Barbara Mondzelewski | 30. Chris Coburn |
| 11. Richard Mondzelewski | 31. Stefanie Lombardo |
| 12. Harry Themal | 32. Chris Cuttance |
| 13. Betty Ann Themal | |
| 14. David Scott | |
| 15. Beth Holloway | Others: |
| 16. Hardy Hoegger | 1. Rob Bryan |
| 17. Rusty Hoegger | 2. Dela Bryan |
| 18. Nancy King | |
| 19. Sarah Coburn | |
| 20. Maureen Gordon | |

Communications: Chris said the 28 acres of land that is available from DelDot by the railroad tracks is looking very good. A rough draft of an agreement is in the works.

Registration Committee: the leasehold at 2308 Brae Road was transferred from Kalmus and Gardiner to Cooper.

Approval of the Minutes: the Minutes for September and November were both unanimously accepted.

Elections: Town Officers: Chris Coburn, Chair and Barbara Mondzelewski, Treasurer and Lisa Wilson Riblett, Secretary were all unanimously re-elected for a one year term.

NOTE: The Town Chair can only serve three consecutive terms. This is Chris's last term.

Memorial Garden: Betty Ann Themal and Terri Secrest Hansen were both unanimously re-elected for a four year term.

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Treasurer's Report: Barbara Mondzelewski
Checking Balance: \$497.35
Municipal Street Aid: \$ 0
Savings: \$16,835.21

Playground Committee: Annie Gutsche was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy left by Joy Gardiner who moved to Arden.

Trustees' Report: Bob DeNigris-1998 Budget
Bob reported that tree expenses were very high during the last year but that the Candlelight Theatre expenses were low. Trash expense remains the same. A full report is on file.

Civic Committee: Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Installed two "NO DUMPING" signs behind the Candlelight Theatre.
2. Finished road work.
3. Bench supports in Memorial Garden were removed.
4. Please advise Page of any pot hole problems.

Town Budget: Jack Brandner-1998 Budget

Nancy King proposed that we contribute to the BWVC every year and recommended an amount of \$500.00. After some discussion, the contribution was unanimously approved as was the 1998 Budget. A full report is on file.

National Historic Registry Inventory: Shari Phalan

Shari reported 66 houses have been inventoried in Ardentown. The committee is going to begin research on the history of politics, landscapes and utopian communities. The committee will not pursue any nomination that is restrictive. Inventories of houses will continue on Sundays. Oral histories to be gathered later. Shari welcomes any help.

NOTE: Shari has requested that someone attend the Planning Committee in Arden as her permanent replacement. David Scott agreed to fill this vacancy.

Dumping behind the Candlelight Theatre:

Two signs are now posted behind the Theatre. Please take down any license numbers you see of people who are dumping and advise the Town Officers or the Trustees. No dumping should be going on except previously authorized logs and mulch. Page noted garbage problems around the Candlelight. Charlie Till spoke with John O'Toole who is having the trash cleaned up. Chris Cuttance said he will begin to split the wood that is behind the Theatre soon.

Special Fund Money - \$2,656.00: Open Discussion

We need to send a proposal to the State on how we are going to spend this money. It cannot be used for road work. It must be capital improvements only. Nancy King suggested

cleaning vines out of the Glen. Chris Coburn wants to build a retaining wall near the Playground on Orchard Road. There was concern that "vines" might not be considered a capital improvement. Page said a quote from Mr. Osbourne to do the retaining wall is \$1,402.00 which also includes some grading and seeding on the Pettit Green. An additional quote of \$1,056.00 from Mr. Osbourne was acquired to remove vines and clean up in the Playground area and \$280.00 to remove the old wooden steps that need replacement by Appletree and Hilltop.

Also, Dane Miller has given us a quote to clean up the "Circle" (approximately behind Charlie and Lee Till's house) for \$450.00 and another quote of \$300.00 to remove some debris in that area.

Jack Brandner asked for the two bridges in the Glen to be replaced. Page agreed to look into this. Chris Coburn asked if materials could be bought for the bridges and let his son who is a Scout do the repairs to earn his Eagle Badge.

Discussion of the area of the "Circle" noted that this is the Gateway to Arden and would help make it possible for people not to have to walk on Harvey Road so much. Concerns were raised about clearing it and not clearing it i.e. drug activity has been noted. Charlie Till asked if we find any drug stuff to call the police and to leave the stuff untouched and to advise the Trustees.

Shari said that Arden is willing to help pay for taking down the fence in the "Circle" area. Barbara Mondzelewski was concerned about us meeting the capital improvements requirements. Page to follow up on these items and take action.

New Business:

1. Chris Cuttance walks his dogs through the Glen each night and has asked teens he has seen in cars at Hilltop and Appletree to leave. Chris does not recognize the teens. Harry asked people to make Town Watch aware. Beth Holloway noted unwelcome activity in the Playground.
2. Shari is resigning as our representative to the BWVC Committee. We need a new representative.
3. New "Arden Book" is being prepared. Harry will look into our representation in the book.
4. Enno Krebbers announced that the Traffic Calming project is making good progress.
5. Page showed a copy of the Civic Committee's "Dog Letter" to the people at the Meeting. Page said she would like to solve the dog problems that we have by working it out within the Village. Page said if it is serious i.e.

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someone is bitten by a dog, call the police or SPCA. Page
will not send a letter unless she receives a letter in
writing. Responses to "dog letter" must also be in writing.
Our concern is a pattern of disregard. Renters would also
have their leaseholders contacted. This is really meant to
resolve reoccurring problems. Page said it just boils down
to being good neighbors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wilson Riblett
Secretary

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