

Feb 2004  
minutes

# Village of Ardentown

Established 1922  
Incorporated 1975

Ardentown, Del. 19810

## NOTICE

### TOWN MEETING

Candlelight Dinner Theatre

Monday, May 10, 2004

7:30 P.M.

### AGENDA (Partial)

1. Elections: Public Works and Safety Committee;  
3 People, 2 year term

Audit Committee: 3 Members; 1 year term;  
election each May

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: 2 members

2. Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee: Enno Krebbers  
Update

The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 P.M. on Monday February 9, 2004, Oliver Gutsche, Chair, presiding. **A quorum was present.**

In attendance were:

1. Lisa Wilson Riblett
2. Cindy Cohen
3. Beverley Fleming
4. Enno Krebbers
5. Alison Byer
6. Hardy Hoegger
7. Sally Decker
8. Drew Hansen
9. Terri Hansen
10. Steven R. Cohen
11. Jerome Bishoff
12. Betty Solway Smith
13. Richard Mondzelewski
14. Bob DeNigris
15. David McClintock
16. David Scott
17. Judith Kay
18. Lesley Holden
19. Page Dwyer
20. Pat Phillips
21. Jerry Robertson
22. Cheryl Regan
23. Barbara Mondzelewski
24. Gilbert Johnston

25. Warren Butt
26. Dotty Verne
27. Oliver Gutsche
28. Maureen Gordon
29. Sheila Johnston
30. Mary Ann Nelson
31. Marguerite Archer
32. Elaine Schmerling
33. Harry Themal
34. Betty Ann Themal
35. Janet Cosgrove
36. Katrina Nelson
37. Ken Mabrey
38. Marjorie Mabrey
39. Shari Phalan
40. Rusty Hoegger

} NON RESIDENTS

Non-Residents:

1. Bob Weiner
2. Bob Pollock
3. Amy Pollock
4. Dave Gerbec
5. Hunter Clarke

**Bob Weiner, County Councilman**, updated the information on the proposed plans for the Claymont Restoration, the Scenic and Historic Byway and the Historic Celebration of Philadelphi Pike. The plans promote parks, bikeways and walkways that will connect to The Ardens pathways from Grubb Road through to Claymont.

**Registration Committee: Maureen Gordon**

Welcome to new residents:

Janis Dalton at 2304 East Mall

Ronald Rosenbaum and Pat McDowell at 1511 The Mall

Angie Kerns at 2305 Brae Road

Jenny Rock at 1519 Woodland Road (Back unit)

**Treasurer's Report: Barbara Mondzelewski**

Checking Account Balance: \$537.44

Savings Account Balance: \$4,293.43

Municipal Street Aid: \$0.

Arden Building and Loan: \$39,165.87

Total funds available: \$43,996.74

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Elections:**

**Archives Committee:** 2 year term

Betty Solway Smith

Katrina Nelson

**Memorial Garden Committee:** 2 year term

Rusty Hoegger

Betty Ann Themal

**Budget/Assessment Committee: Hans Francke/Betty Solway Smith**

It was reported that the Town has fulfilled its commitment to the Craft Shop Museum. Ongoing activities of the Archives Committee require funding and \$400 is proposed in the budget.

The Public Works Committee is pursuing DelDot support for the Sconset Road rebuilding at \$26,000.

The budget includes \$20,000 pledged to the Avery purchase project.

The playground project is complete; expenses expected for maintenance.

Elaine Schmerling asked that The \$5000 grant be added to the budget and subtracted as expense for Woods Restoration.

There was a motion to accept the 2004 Annual Budget Report with the suggested ammendment and it was passed. Copies on file with the Secretary.

**Trustees Report: Bob DeNigris**

There were major repairs to the CandleLight Theatre which were considered a one time expense. There were increases in the expenses of tree maintenance and insurance which leave the town with a \$7,000 deficit which results in an increase in land rent. It is the smallest increase in 3 years. The increase is from .084 to .088 or about \$40 per 10,000 sq. ft. or \$80 per 20,000 sq. ft.

**Public Works and Safety Committee: Steve Cohen, Chair**

1. This year Miller Road from Orchard Road to Loreley Lane was paved and the speed bumps will be painted in the spring. Also, in the spring of 2004 the repairs of the drainage system problem will be started on Sconset Road. Funds allow the bottom of the road to

be repaired from the first speed bump to the bottom of the road this year and from the speed bump to the top of the road will be repaired in 2005. It was suggested and agreed that the work should not be done in the cold weather or the company doing the work should be held responsible.

2. This year 48 tons of sand have been used on the roads for snow and ice. It was pointed out that Woodland Road ices up due to the hill and drainage and asked if special attention could be given to that area when sanding. Steve suggested putting a sanding barrel on the hill.

3. We were asked that residents comply with Ordinance 86-1 which states that there is no parking allowed on the roads of Ardentown.

4. The grant for \$5000 for woods restoration was announced and Elaine Schmerling was recognized for jumping on the opportunity for the grant and applying for it within a short time span. She asked for volunteers to help clean up the woods by weeding invasive ivy and trees such as Norway Maples. Elaine thanked Mary Ann Nelson, Hetty Francke, David Scott, Shari Phalan, Hardy Hoegger, and Doris Boller who helped her weed and pull ivy recently in the woods of the glen.

5. Hardy announced that Ardentown received discretionary funds from Wayne Smith.

6. **Second and Third Reading of Ordinance Re: Handicapped Parking (Ordinance 2004-01)** required by municipalities to enforce signage for public parking. It was unanimously approved to accept the ordinance which only affects public parking at Eden Rock and Candlelight Theatre.

**Playground Committee: Elaine Schmerling**

Walter Broadbent is finishing the sign for the playground and it will be put up when the weather breaks.

**Planning Committee: David Scott**

The Planning Committee has been established. The members are Oliver Gutsche (Chair), Alison Byer, Drew Hansen and David Scott.

Its purpose is to review the long term development of Ardentown with a view to ensuring that changes are incorporated into an overall picture. The committee will liaison with other community groups such as the League of Local Governments, Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred, Wilmapco and Arden's Planning Committee. Areas of interest are the hometown overlay proposals for New Castle County communities, outreach to teenagers, keeping the population of the village diverse, housing, grants for civic development and airport noise and other environmental issues.

**BWVC: Marguerite Archer**

1. The bathroom renovations are underway and should be complete by the end of February.
2. The Buzz's Third Annual Day of Relaxation will be February 29.
3. Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> The second Benefit Auction for the BWVC window project will be back by popular demand.

**New Business:**

1. **Volunteers** are needed to drive seniors and housebound people in The Ardens when their regular form of transportation isn't available. Contact Rusty Hoegger.

2. **Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee: Enno Krebbers**

Enno presented the three proposed **Gateway** designs using the artists' concepts as presented. Concerns such as whether the signs obstruct the view, the ability to read signs, and timing of traffic lights were raised. The HRTCC did some testing on the practicality of the signs and found no problems. David McClintock asked why only 3 artists entered. Enno said that there was good effort to advertise the competition to the public. Judith Kay said that she felt it was a significant project and asked to start over and get more artists designs.

Enno said that the grant offer will be over soon and we should take advantage of Deldot's offer of the sign. After extensive discussion of the designs a vote was taken.

There were 4 options to vote on. The result of the vote was: David Clarke's design-1 vote, Rick Rothrock's design-31 votes, Pete Renzetti's design-1 vote and the option of no sign at all-5 votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dotty Verne  
Secretary