

Village of Ardentown

Established 1922
Incorporated 1975

Ardentown, Del. 19810

NOTICE

TOWN MEETING
at Candlelight Theatre
(downstairs)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1997

7:30 pm

AGENDA (partial)

1. Street Repairs and Funding - goals to be discussed
2. Future of Arden Building and Loan - Bob DeNigris
3. ELECTIONS: Budget/Assessment Committee; 3 members,
2 year term
Registration Committee; 1 member, 2 year term

Village of Ardentown

Established 1922
Incorporated 1975

Ardentown, Del. 19810

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS CONVENED AT 7:30 PM ON MAY 12, 1997, CHRISTOPHER COBURN, CHAIR, PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Lisa Wilson Riblett | 19. Ed Kime, Jr. |
| 2. Christopher Coburn | 20. Marylou Kime |
| 3. Frances Frampton | 21. Page Dwyer |
| 4. Shari Phalan | 22. Harry Themal |
| 5. Ray LaVoie | 23. Chris Monson |
| 6. Bob DeNigris | 24. Betty Solway Smith |
| 7. Beth Holloway | 25. Betty Ann Themal |
| 8. Kate Bartolo | 26. Maureen Gordon |
| 9. Sarah Coburn | 27. Barbara Mondzelewski |
| 10. Dotty Verne | 28. Virginia Gotides |
| 11. Stefanie A. Lombardo | 29. Joe Scanlon |
| 12. Jim Ficca | 30. John Brandner |
| 13. Bob Lockerman | 31. Harold Kalmus |
| 14. Pat Phillips | 32. Clarence Lucas |
| 15. Hardy Hoegger | |
| 16. Rusty Hoegger | Other: |
| 17. Doris Boller | 1. Jim Parks, News Journal |
| 18. Sally Decker | |

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
The minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chris Coburn, Chair
There is a copy of "Traffic Calming - Executive Summary" on file available for reading. (Regarding Harvey Road)

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Kate Bartolo for Joy Gardiner, Chair
1. 1511 The Mall (Joe and Bea Bell) to Cross and Gavas.
2. 2316 Sconset Road (Firmani) to Chris and Hope Burns. Barnes
3. New resident, Deborah Esham, 2310 Loreley Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski
Checking Account: \$545.54
Savings: \$22,563.99

ELECTIONS: Civic Committee - 4 people, 2 year term
Page Dwyer, Deborah Reinholz, Oliver Gutsche and Stefanie Lombardo were unanimously re-elected.
Audit Committee - 3 people, 1 year term
Three people are needed.

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Page Dwyer, Chair

1. Page is meeting with Bruce Downing regarding old and new needed road repairs. Downing is willing to go ahead with repairs and wait for his payment.
2. An extra sign is to be installed at Millers Road and Loreley saying "STOP AHEAD". Civ. Com. wants to get people to stop at this intersection which is presently a problem.
3. Page is still waiting for an answer from Chuck Lightfoote of Del Dot regarding repair of rail at Sconset and Harvey.
4. Extension of split rail to be added to Playground area on Orchard Road.
5. A "Dog Letter" is being developed. A "Dear Leaseholder, your dog has been reported as a problem" type approach will be taken. Civ. Com. does not want to follow Arden's ordinance approach which has no teeth. Com. going to try grumpy letter approach.
6. Someone complained about trash recycling not being picked up on schedule. After some discussion, it seemed no one else was having any problems.

Jack Brandner asked how much is the Civic Com. going to spend on road repairs. Page said approximately \$14,000.00. Jack said Street Aid was usually approximately \$8,000.00 which will be a short fall of \$6,000.00. Jack said we need to find the extra money from some where i.e. Trustees, Wayne Smith or something. Page said we now have a "C" list of road repairs.

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE: Jack Brandner, Chair

Jack reported that the repair of the Garden gate and extra split rail seems to be a gift since no bill has been received.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: Harry Themal

Harry read a letter that the three Trustees sent to Kamin informing them that "the trustees unanimously agreed with the sentiment of the February Town Meeting that the plans presented would be excessively intrusive on the residential character of the community." The letter made reference to a petition signed by 149 Ardentown residents expressing their opposition to "any further expansion" of Kamin. Kamin responded with a letter to the Trustees stating "we have decided to put our plans for the future on hold. We will continue to operate as we have been". A complete copy of each of these letters is on file and available for reading.

Harry also reported that \$25,000.00 has been granted for "Calming Plantings" on Harvey Road. Harry is going to ask for more details. Page feels there is more traffic on Millers Road now as a result of people trying to avoid Harvey

Road. Harry does not agree and feels people may be sight seers looking at the Mall and dogwoods.

ROAD TRIPS AT SCONSET AND HARVEY: Chris Coburn, Chair
Chris reported that the present trip times are scheduled for
Monday thru Friday from 8:45am to 9:30am
and 11:45am to 12:30pm
and 2:45pm to 5:00pm.

Chris asked the Town for input regarding these times. The Montessori School has asked for trips and they were granted. Chris has noted more numerous accidents there. Harry Themal said early morning sun glare may be a problem. Betty Solway Smith asked if there are signs stating "Street Light Ahead". Joe Scanlon asked who is setting times. Joe said with a person there to see traffic and make changes it worked better than it will with trips. Harry suggests telling Wayne Smith what hours we want and asked for our money back from the traffic light to fix roads. Chris responded to a question from Shari Phalan regarding a road study that said Sconset Road did not qualify for road trips. After some discussion, the Town decided to ask for the traffic light to be on between 7:00am and 6:00pm. It was noted that dealing with Del Dot is difficult. Hardy asked if it could work like the one at Orleans Road in Arden. Chris wants to benefit the majority of the people who come out of Sconset. Joe said he would be willing to make phone calls. Page said Arden had Del Dot back for several months before Orleans was adjusted correctly. Chris said the trips will be manually turned on and off. Chris will meet with Wayne Smith on Tuesday regarding times.

NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER: Shari Phalan
Shari reported that we are not going for Land Mark Status but we are applying for the National Historic Registry. Students who are studying us have been shown through the Villages and also a Washington lobbyist has visited. Shari asked if we would be open to an oral history to be taken to benefit this project. She is looking for anyone with expert advise to help with this. It will take at least another year. Harry motioned and it was unanimously voted upon to reimburse the Phalans \$185.00 that they have spent regarding this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hardy Hoegger asked that we reenact an old tradition of getting new and old residents together perhaps at the beginning of a Town Meeting.

Betty Ann Themal reported that 13 volunteers planted some new trees around town and did some clean up to our greens. Some

Page 5 Ardentown Minutes May 97

additional planting was also completed on the commons on Millers.

Jim Ficca asked if a special committee could be formed to work on the commons at Millers Road. Stefanie said she wants to enhance the commons. Harry said individuals should not have control over public commons. Chris Coburn agreed. It was suggested that they go through the Planting Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Lockerman asked if we could put some deed restrictions on Kamin's lease. Harry said it would be after the fact. Harry said that any future proposals would have to go through the Trustees anyway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Wilson Riblett, Secretary

TRUSTEES OF ARDENTOWN
2308 East Mall
Ardentown, DE 19810

Trustees
DORIS J. BOLLER
ROBERT E. DeNIGRIS
HARRY F. THEMAL

Secretary
BETTY ANN THEMAL
(302) 475-8193

*LWP-
rec'd
May 12, 1997*

May 3, 1997

Carol A. Berster, President
Ingleside Homes Inc.
1010 N. Broom St.
Wilmington DE 19806

Dear Carol:

The trustees wish to bring you up to date on our position with respect to the expansion of Kamin/Ingleside Assisted Living.

As we informed you at our meeting of Feb. 17, the trustees unanimously agreed with the sentiment of the February Town Meeting that the plans presented by Ingleside would be excessively intrusive on the residential character of the community.

Since then the trustees have received a petition signed by 149 Ardentown residents expressing their opposition to "any further expansion" of Kamin. Although the wording of the petition did not allow dissent from that position, we were told that 19 persons contacted would consider expansion and 12 refused to sign the petition.

The objections of the trustees and the residents are not the only hurdles you would have to overcome to proceed with your present plans. As you know the proposed expansion of the Ardentown facility must comply with New Castle County requirements and thus is subject to review by appropriate agencies and perhaps at a public hearing. Since the trustees own the land, we know that our approval of your proposal is a condition precedent to the review by the appropriate county agency.

The trustees view today's Kamin as a good neighbor and asset to our village. If you exercise your business judgment to modify your expansion plans, we would certainly give due consideration to whatever you submit. However, we are acutely aware that our consent to any proposal provides no assurance that the county will grant the necessary approvals, particularly if there is strenuous objections from residents. As you can imagine, tempers are running high.

Perhaps the most constructive next step would be a meeting to discuss the issues. The trustees look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bob DeNigris

Harry Themal

Charlie Till