

May 2004  
minutes

# Village of Ardentown

Ardentown, Del. 19810

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**Notice of**

**Town Meeting**

**Agenda(partial)**

**New Candlelight Dinner Theatre**

**Monday, September 13, 2004  
7:30 P.M.**

- 1. Audit Report**
- 2. Discuss Patriot Act Resolution**
- 3. Elections: Registration Committee: 2 members, 2 year terms**  
**Budget Assessment Committee: 2 members, 2 year terms**

**Election of Town Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be held in November.**

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The Regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, May 10, 2004, Oliver Gutsche, Chair, presiding.

## In Attendance were:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Sally Decker        | 17. David Scott       |
| 2. Hardy Hoegger       | 18. Terri Hansen      |
| 3. Rusty Hoegger       | 19. Drew Hansen       |
| 4. Steve Cohen         | 20. Jean Smolens      |
| 5. Cheryl Regan        | 21. Maureen Gordon    |
| 6. Beverley Fleming    | 22. Marguerite Archer |
| 7. Doris J. Boller     | 23. Betty Ann Thernal |
| 8. Anne Cavanaugh      | 24. Joy Mulholland    |
| 9. Joan Fitzgerald     | 25. Harry Thernal     |
| 10. Betty Solway Smith | 26. Oliver Gutsche    |
| 11. Pat Lane           | 27. Bob DeNigris      |
| 12. Gil Johnston       | 28. Page Dwyer        |
| 13. Alison Byer        | 29. Dotty Verne       |
| 14. Cindy Cohen        | 30. Hans Francke      |
| 15. Sheila Johnston    | 31. Elaine Schmerling |
| 16. Bobby Lockerman    | 32. Katrina Nelson    |

## Communications: Oliver Gutsche, Chair

1. Letter from Wayne Smith re: Jester Park Update.
2. Attended airport expansion meeting about environmental impact to our community. The next meeting is May 12 at JCC on Route 202 open to the public.
3. There will be a workshop on Municipal Solid Waste, June 7, 8, and 9 re: Delaware 2003-2008 Outdoor Recreation Plans.

## Registration Committee, Sheila Johnston, Chair (Maureen Gordon reporting)

New residents:	Keith Schepine	1515 Appletree Lane
	Orest Gilicinsky	1515 Appletree Lane
	Kimberly Landis	2204 Loreley Lane
	and son Chandler	
	Stephanie Nelson	2401 East Mall
Lease Holder:	Joan Fitzgerald	2305 Loreley Lane

## Treasurer's Report, Barbara Mondzelewski:

Checking Account Balance: \$593.24

**Savings Account Balance: \$10,935.16**  
**Arden Building & Loan: \$19,165.87**  
**Total Funds available: \$30,694.27**

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

The Minutes were unanimously approved with one correction on the attendee list. Ken and Marge Mabrey should not have been listed as residents of Ardentown.

### **Elections:**

**Public Works & Safety Committee;** Elaine Schmerling and Drew Hansen were re-elected to the committee for another 2 year term. Sally Decker was elected to fill Hardy Hoegger's position. Steve thanked Hardy for years of service on the committee.

**Audit Committee;** Marguerite Archer, Hans Francke, Steve Cohen were elected to serve a 1 year term.

**Playground Committee;** Elaine Schmerling and Annie Gutsche will continue with another 1 year term and Pat Hannigan was also elected to the committee.

**Trustees Report: Bob DeNigris, Harry Themal, Barbara Mondzelewski**  
Bob DeNigris reported that the Ardens night for "A Chorus Line at the New Candlelight Theatre was enjoyed by all and that there will be another Arden evening for "Pippin" in August.

### **Memorial Garden: Rusty Hoegger, Chair**

Some new plants have been put in the garden to replace some that didn't hold up over the winter. A work day in June is being planned and a date will be announced. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

### **Sunnyside Tract: Hardy Hoegger, Chair**

Hardy requested that the other Ardens get involved and that an Ad Hoc team be appointed to discuss and help make decisions about the maintenance of this property. Volunteers for the committee and assistant stewards were Gil Johnston, Harry Themal, Betty Ann Themal, and Elaine Schmerling.

### **Playground Committee: Elaine Schmerling, Chair**

The last of the 3 tetherballs have been put up.

### **Public Works & Safety Committee: Steve Cohen, Chair**

1. The snow removal didn't go over budget this year and most of the removal was in December and January.
2. State money will be used for the large section of paving on Sconset Road which is the next project that includes side drainage and gutters on both sides.
3. Speed bumps will be painted when Harvey Road is repaired and it was suggested that triangles be painted to conserve on paint. June to September is the scheduled time for the Harvey Road Traffic Calming Project.
4. A grant from the State has been filed for money to clear wooded paths and park land with

ongoing projects by volunteers and Hal Goodwin to accomplish this job.

5. Posts and signs around town will need to be painted. Volunteers are needed for this project.

6. Steve pointed out that among 57 villages in Delaware, Ardentown ranks as 14<sup>th</sup> in size. ½ of the villages are smaller than Ardentown. There are 325 residents in Ardentown and 1109 in the 3 Ardens.

### **Buzz Ware Village Center Report: Marguerite Archer**

1. New bathrooms are completed and are handicapped accessible.

2. A special thanks was given to Linda Kolski and Mary Marconi for coordinating the auction to raise money for the Buzz. Final figures are not in but \$13,000 was netted at the auction two years ago.

3. The stage will be restored to its original purpose since the archives have been removed.

4. Denis O'Regan has purchased the wood for the entrance door project, but there are leakage problems that have to be addressed first. Touch up painting and clean up of floors can be done now that the bathrooms are finished.

5. The last Coffee House is in June and then there will be a summer break until September, when hopefully the stage can be used. Come Join friends and neighbors for what is always a different experience each time.

### **Harvey Road Traffic Calming Committee: Enno Krebbers (David Scott reporting)**

Construction of the HRTCC plan approved earlier this year by the 3 villages will begin this spring to be completed by September to avoid disruption during the Arden Fair. DeIDOT is working with the Ardens to complete the project with as little disruption to traffic as possible. A reminder to Enno to come back to us to discuss the design concept, lettering, etc. for the Rick Rothrock tree design as promised. It will be installed at the Ardentown end of Harvey Road.

### **Community Planning Committee: Alison Byers**

We now have the opportunity to design our own zoning laws. Before, because we were incorporated we could not opt in on decisions such as multiple domiciles, businesses and old resident housing. We have to demonstrate a community concensus or let the County make the laws. This committee is exploring things to be discussed as, how are we effected as a community and how citizens are effected. More discussion and information to come.

### **Wilmapco: Drew Hansen**

Drew is working with Wilmapco, Arden and Ardencroft re: proposed bus routes and routes to the mall. More to come on this project.

### **Good Will:**

Don't forget the Arden Fair September 4, 2004.

### **New Business:**

Hardy Hoegger raised the subject of the "Patriot Act" He asked us to join Arden and Ardencroft in adopting their resolution in strong opposition to terrorism and support the rights of the Constitution. It was suggested that we read and get familiar with it to discuss at

**the next meeting. Katrina Nelson suggested that this is a subject to be handled at the national level not local government. There was some discussion for and against the "Patriot Act" and an agreement to disagree.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dorothy Verne  
Secretary**