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NOTICE

ARDENTOWN TOWN MEETING The New Candlelight Dinner Theatre

**Monday, February 8, 2010
7:30 pm**

AGENDA (partial)

1. Trustees Budget/Land Rent Rate
2. Budget/Assessment Annual Budget Report
3. Elections: Memorial Gardens – 2 members; 2 year term
Archives - 2 members; 2 year term
4. Committee Reports
5. Possible changes in our 1975 Act of Incorporation
Don't miss this important proposal!

A quorum is needed at the town meeting, please come!
Light Refreshments

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The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30 pm on Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Buzz Ware Village Center
Alison Byer, Chair, presiding. **No quorum**

Attendance

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| 1. Robert DeNigris | 16. Gil Johnston |
| 2. Pat Lane | 17. Sheila Johnston |
| 3. Joan Fitzgerald | 18. Joan Phibbs |
| 4. Alison Byer | 19. Hetty Francke |
| 5. Betty Ann Themal | 20. Hans Francke |
| 6. Steve Cohen | 21. Bob Lockerman |
| 7. Rusty Hoegger | 22. Maureen Gordon |
| 8. Hardy Hoegger | 23. Lilah Kleban, Intern |
| 9. Joy Mulholland | |
| 10. Enno Krebbers | Guest: Dwayne Mason |
| 11. Harry Themal | Kerri Murphy |
| 12. Barbara Mondzelewski | |
| 13. Terri Hansen | |
| 14. David Byer | |
| 15. Dotty Verne | |

MEETING: Regular meeting called to order by Alison Byer, Town Chair.
Alison thanked everyone for coming to the Buzz Ware for tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting - approved.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Janet Cosgrove
No report provided

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski

Operating Accounts:	\$20,489.33
Municipal Street Aid:	.00
Arden Building & Loan:	<u>24,594.55</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$45,083.88

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Rusty Hoegger reporting
Nothing to report

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Beverley Fleming
No report

COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT: Steve Cohen
Steve announced that Lilah Kleban and Nicholas Gutsche will be participating in the Village Internship program.

PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY REPORT : Pat Lane

Paths/Trees/Compost Area - Elaine Schmerling:

Tree Planting - The trees from last year's tree planting mostly enjoyed the rains this year, and look good.

Compost - Hal has turned the piles, consolidated the compost, and gotten the bins ready for fall leaf collections. Please note that we have a full bin of compost ready for use! Take it from the marked Compost Bin # 4.

Leaves will be accepted from residents in Bins #1 & 6, the first and last ones, which also will be marked. **PLEASE DO NOT FILL #2 or #5.** These are reserved for Hal, in payment for his work turning them and maintaining them. Bin #3 is actively composting and should be ready next year!

Remember, the gate is locked, to prevent dumping problems which we have had in the past. Please bring in **LEAVES ONLY**. You can either put them in tarps and carry over the fence, or put bags/cans over the fence (or walk around), and empty them. Please, do not leave bags, sticks, or any other things that aren't leaves!

Compost Activities - Hetty Franke:

Thanks to the amount of rain, watering of newly planted evergreens alongside the 'Compost Site' fence; (late August) was not needed.

Now that leaves are down, a load of clean wood chips are to be spread inside of the 'Compost Demonstration Site' and along side the fence with the evergreens. Hal Goodwin has agreed to deliver wood chips one day through a tree company he knows.

Leaves from Ardentown residents have been delivered to the 'Compost Site' as of recently. Large amounts of leaves are left scattered around the new evergreen plantings, which unfortunately have been stepped on during delivery....

The two Nemours Head Gardeners visited our 'Compost Site' this fall. They applauded our village's initiative and wondered about the upkeep.

The replacement of 'Compost Site' sign is on top of the list for discussion with Public Works Committee.

PLEASE, read message from DNREC below:

SEE a link to information on possible DNREC grants for environmental projects:

www.dnrec.delaware.gov/News/Pages/DNRECpresentsfundingworkshopsforcommunityenvironmentalprojects.aspx

Proposing to meet with interested persons to study options for Ardentown to qualify.

The DNREC '**community environmental projects'** workshop scheduled from 7-8:30 pm on Monday, Nov. 16 – DNREC Offices, 391 Lukens Drive, New Castle

Paths - Hal has cleaned the path between Brae and The Glen several times along with cleaning up fallen trees. Other paths that have been cleaned include Miller Rd through Eden Rock, The Candlelight to The Glen, Brae, The Mall and the circle near the Cohen's.

We have spent our budgeted money and \$267 in donations.

Roads – Drew Hansen: Because of the removal of Municipal Street Aid funds from the State's 2010 budget, we currently have no money for significant road repairs. Hal Godwin has offered to do small road projects as needed, with patch and other basic materials. The community is asked to alert Drew Hansen of any small potholes or other road concerns.

Signs – Cheryl Regan: No Report Provided.

Snow/Sand – David Byer: Have sent in request to DOT for 12 sand barrels at the same locations as last year, with an additional request to have them placed on their sides, if the barrels are without lids. I haven't received a response yet.

One suggestion: If the barrels, for whatever reason, don't get put on their sides, perhaps leaseholders who anticipate using sand can collect some as soon as the barrels appear and keep it ready, rather than waiting for a snow. Any empty barrels should be reported to David Byer at 475-2384 or 438-2607. The sand barrels will be distributed after November 30th and removed sometime after April 1st.

Jim Burslem has submitted the usual contract for snow removal which has been signed and given to Barbara (Mondzelewski), who will be sending a \$500 retainer for the work. Snowfall over 2" will be plowed automatically. Please address special requests to David (rather than to Jim directly).

Sunnyside Tract – Barbara Conway

On October 3, 2009, I met with Sharon Gilbert and her daughter Fallon (Joan Fitzgerald's daughter and granddaughter) at the Sunnyside Tract. Fallon has volunteered to remove invasive plants in Sunnyside as part of a program where she can earn school credits in exchange for volunteer work. We removed a large bag of trash and a large bag of invasive plants. We also took a bow saw and cut many large vines that were enveloping native trees. The meeting was mainly to show Sharon and Fallon around Sunnyside and to do training on which plants need to be removed. Thank you - Fallon, Sharon and Joan!!!

We received the new "Nature Preserve" signs from DNREC. They will be installed soon.

Town Watch - Holly Custer - The problem of unauthorized parking is better and we thank those who are complying. However, it is still occurring on the various Greens and streets. As previously stated, Ardentown Ordinance 91-1, dated February 9, 2004 in accordance with Delaware House Bill No. 172 passed July 25, 2003 states:

Section 1, "There shall be no parking on the roads or greens of Ardentown."

Section 2, "Every leaseholder in Ardentown shall provide space on the leasehold and off the roads or greens of Ardentown to accommodate every vehicle regularly using the leasehold."

Section 5, "Violation of Section 1 shall be punishable by a fine of \$10 for each offense."

Section 6, "Violation of Section 2 shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 for each complaint."

Playground Committee - Elaine Schmerling

We hung up the last of the tetherballs from our collection. Equipment looks good.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Harry Thernal advised we could put out more than 4 bags of leaves for pick up on our Thursday recycling day. Sticks can be put in bags, bundled, or in open trash cans.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT: Alison Byer

At the last meeting of the DE League of Local Government Alison negotiated lower dues mainly due to the fact we were not given any advance notice of the elimination of the municipal street aid fund.

Letters addressing our concerns have been sent to Rep. Bryon Short and Sen. Cathy Cloutier.

There is Green stimulus money available; \$20,000 for energy efficient projects. We are looking to see if we have any projects that could be covered with these funds.

Alison has also been talking with Yvonne Lyles about becoming the Doctor for our community.

ELECTIONS:

Town Chair: Alison Byer

Town Treasurer: Barbara Mondzelewski

Town Secretary: Joan Fitzgerald

Community Planning Committee: Elected for a 2 year term
Steve Cohen, Joan Fitzgerald, and Holly Custer

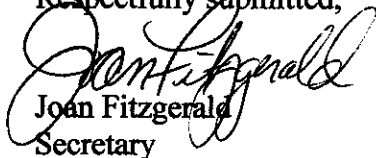
ELECTIONS – February Archives (2); Memorial Gardens (2)

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joan Fitzgerald
Secretary

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