

# Village of Ardentown

Ardentown, Del. 19810

Established 1922  
Incorporated 1975

The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:30pm on Monday, November 11, 2013. Enno Krebbers, Chair, presiding. A quorum was present.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

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| 1. Pat Lane                  | 11. June Kleban    | 21. Barbara Mondzelewski |
| 2. Betty Ann Themal          | 12. Shelley Robyn  | 22. Holly Custer         |
| 3. Harry Themal              | 13. Mary Zimmerman | 23. Edmund Bischoff      |
| 4. Joan Fitzgerald           | 14. Sandy Landerl  | 24. Cheryl Regan         |
| 5. Alison Wakelin            | 15. Rusty Hoegger  | 25. Terri Hansen         |
| 6. Steve Cohen               | 16. Hardy Hoegger  | 26. Joan Phibbs          |
| 7. Maureen Gordon            | 17. Enno Krebbers  | 27. Susan Merkle         |
| 8. Jennifer Curley           | 18. Paul Romagano  | 28. Ann Balugh           |
| 9. Susan Kaye                | 19. Annie P. Lutz  | 29. Peter Slattery       |
| 10. Suzanne Winkler Macguire | 20. Bob Lockerman  | 30. Sue Cherrin          |

**MEETING:** Regular meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Enno Krebbers, Town Chair

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved, as written with no corrections

**REGISTRATION-** Betty Ann Themal reporting. No new residents to report .

Terri Hansen pointed out that information posted in the November Arden Page regarding submitting additional phone numbers for the ACRA Directory was incorrect. The e-mail address listed for her is incorrect. Additionally, the ACRA Directory is currently at full capacity and cannot add information. If residents would like their mobile number to be listed in the place of a landline, they should call Terri Hansen and report this. This issue came about due to a desire in Ardencroft to create a phone tree for emergencies. Harry Themal asked if there was some way we could create a system where all residents could be called and notified of emergencies. He is going to call Brandywine School District and find out how their system works and if it would be feasible for us.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Barbara Mondzelewski reporting

**MEMORIAL GARDEN-** Rusty Hoegger reporting, nothing to report

**PLANNING COMMITTEE-** Enno Krebbers reporting for Andrew Hansen- The Planning Committee has begun work with Public Works & Safety to scope out elements of September's path report, and to begin work on some of the "quick hits" identified in that report.

- A small bridge in the Glen was repaired by Hal
- Following Hans Francke's assessment of the large bridge in the Glen near the bottom of East Mall, we've identified needed repairs which will be factored into the 2014 town budget.
- The stretch of path connecting The Mall with the Harvey Road Path near to the east end of the mall was treated with Round-Up, then later targeted by a small group of volunteers for clearing to remove poison ivy and other brush. We made tremendous progress!

- We're exploring budgets and options to name, sign, and further clear other paths in the community. Budgets for signage will be identified in time to prepare the 2014 budget. A proposal for a process to name the paths will be presented at the next town meeting. We'll continue to share what we learn and do with respect to path clearing.

**PUBLIC WORKS-** Cheryl Regan reporting-

**Roads – Joan Warburton-Phibbs:** Road repairs on the noted areas from the last report have been completed. A few areas needing major repairs will be addressed in the spring.

**Signs – Sue Mearkle / Cheryl Regan:** A complete walk-through was done and numerous signs were identified as needing replacement, or background staining. Some of the posts will also need replacing. An order has been placed for some of the replacement signs, and when they are ready to be installed, the posts will be replaced.

**Snow/sand – Paul Romagano:** The snow plowing contract has been signed, and the snow barrels have been ordered.

**Ardentown Natural Lands Steward – Elaine Schmerling:** We received reimbursement for the remaining \$1684 from the invasives grant. That grant is finished.

Woods walk? Is anyone interested in a walk in the woods to see what we have been working on, and to learn what plants are natural here and which are invasive?

**Tree Management Grant** – we have gotten tentative approval for a grant to fund cutting down dead elms at the end of Brae Rd. and one on the Henry George Green, and to cut the wisteria vine and tree it is wrapped around\* off the path besides Sue Cherrin's house. We are awaiting final paperwork and hope to complete this work soon!  
\*The committee reviewing the grants added removal of the tree – they said the falling, dying wisteria will hurt her roof.

**Composting/Candlelight Theatre:** The compost area is ready to accept leaves in the **FIRST THREE BINS FROM THE LEFT SIDE.** Remember, **LEAVES ONLY!!!!** Please put them as far back as you can.

As always, you can also put all yard waste out for Monday collection, and you are encouraged to use chopped leaves as mulch, and to compost in your own backyard.

Hal has used the pathways money primarily clearing the Harvey road path.

**Pathwork – Drew Hansen:**

The paths and signage inventory has been completed. Where paths cross a street, two signs should be used, one on either side of the street.

Here are the numbers:

**Phase 1:** 12 posts and signs

The Mall – 3 (for the start of the Harvey Road path, and connectors to that path).

Millers Road – 2 (for the point where the Harvey Road path crosses Millers).

Swiss Lane – 2 (same situation as Millers).

Loreley Lane – 2 (again, same situation).

East Mall – 2 (one for the Glen path, one for the Valley Road path by Harry's).

Brae Road – 1 (for the Valley Road path).

**Phase 2:**

Harvey Road – 1 (for the connector near Veale that runs to the Harvey Road path by the Hoegger's).

Others TBD. Will depend on how successful we are with clearing and re-establishing paths connecting the bottom of East Mall, Brae, a and Sconset.

**Misc/Street Trees:** A request has been made that notifications to residents be given in the event that roads may be blocked due to tree work.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm