

Village of Ardentown

Established 1922
Incorporated 1975

Ardentown, Del. 19810

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENTOWN WAS
CONVENED AT 7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004,
HARRY THEMAL PRESIDING. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

In attendance were:

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| 1. Betty Solway Smith | 15. Sheila Johnston |
| 2. Ginny Gotides | 16. Hans Francke |
| 3. Pat Lane | 17. Maureen Gordon |
| 4. Sally Decker | 18. Bob DeNigris |
| 5. Rusty Hoegger | 19. Dotty Verne |
| 6. Betty Ann Themal | 20. Joy Mulholland |
| 7. Harry Themal | 21. Marguerite Archer |
| 8. Hardy Hoegger | 22. Elaine Schmerling |
| 9. Enno Krebbers | 23. Holly Custer |
| 10. Maryann Nelson | 24. Dave McClintock |
| 11. Cheryl Regan | 25. Warren Butts |
| 12. Cindy Cohen | |
| 13. David Scott | Guests: |
| 14. Gil Johnston | 1. Steve Tanzer |

PRESENTATION: Steve Tanzer of Arden who is running for State Representative, 7th District opposite Wayne Smith spoke at the meeting. He promises to promote social tolerance and fiscal responsibility. Steve stayed for the meeting and answered any questions.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Sheila Johnston, Chair (Maureen Gordon reporting)

New residents:	Ben Williams	1517 The Mall	5/1/04
	Jeffrey Orr	1605 Orchard Rd.	8/04

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Mondzelewski (Secretary Reporting)
Checking Account: \$514.47

Savings Account: \$9390.50
Municipal Street Account: \$14,193.95
Arden Building & Loan: \$19,165.87
Total Funds Available: \$43,264.79

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

The minutes and Treasurer's Report were unanimously approved as written.

ELECTIONS:

Registration Committee: Sheila Johnston and Maureen were elected for another 2 year term.

Budget Assessment Committee: Mauguerite Archer and Betty Solway Smith were elected to another 2 year term.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT: Steve Cohen, Chair (Hans Francke reporting).

The audit committee reviewed the financial records of the Ardentown trustees and of the Village of Ardentown. Both sets of financial records passed the audit with no discrepancies found. All of the income and expenditures for a 12 month period were reviewed along with the accompanying bank statements. It was suggested that it would be easier to review and maintain the financial records if the entries were recorded using financial software such as Quicken.

The Audit Committee would like to thank Betty Ann Themal and Barbara Mondzelewski for their assistance in preparing for the audit and for their excellent work in maintaining the financial records of Ardentown.

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE: Steve Cohen, Chair (Cheryl Regan reporting)

We are about to do the largest street project in a number of years costing \$40,520. Funding from DELDOT for large street work projects in the amount of \$34,065 has been obtained (after 8 months of paperwork). The funds will be used to repave most of Sconset Road and to improve the drainage. Village funds of \$6,455 from Municipal Street aid will allow us to complete the entire project this year. Advanced Paving Systems will perform the project. The roads will continue to be drivable during the road work.

The rest of the streets are currently in good shape.

Cheryl Regan has ordered and received a number of new street signs which will soon be installed.

Elaine Schmerling has directed the work of Hal Goodwin's crew who repaired a number of paths in Ardentown this summer. Elaine wants to thank the Ardentown volunteers which include Doris Boller, Hardy Hoegger, Shari Phalan, Hetty Francke and Maryann Nelson for helping to pull out over 1000 Norway Maple seedlings and saplings to date.

On Tuesday 9/21/04 botanist, Janet Ebert will lead us on a fall plant i.d. walk and review the proposed planting plan submitted by Elaine Schmerling to replace Norway Maples along Millers Road, next to Candelight Theatre and down by the stream where trees shrubs and ivy need to be replaced.

Elaine gave Hal Goodwin and crew praise for the fabulous job cutting down Norways. Wood has been picked up for firewood. It is anticipated that Hal will continue with planting in October and early November.

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE: Rusty Hoegger, Chair

6 new azelias have been added and the fence has been repaired.

The question of the proposed memorial tree for Jack Brandner was brought up and the committee will look into it further.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

Harry Themal reported on the Omni Point tower update. There is still discussion on where to put the tower.

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Marguerite Archer (summary)

The new entrance doors have been hung. Money was donated in memory of Dan Connor. Denis O'Regan, Alex Scala and Pete Renzetti have hand crafted a stunning set of wooden doors. When everything is completed there are plans to have a dedication.

The exhibit at the Buzz during the Arden Fair was artwork by Jessie Roy's Saturday art class. It was an amazing testimony to Jessie and the youthful talent.

The YMCA programs have resumed at the Buzz again offering pre-kindergarten programs as well as before and after school programs. Other long term renters include Jessies Saturday Art Class, the local chapter of Home Inspectors Asssoc., Kerry Orr's yoga class, the Feldenkrist exercise group, Tai Chi practice, Arden committee meetings and Ardencroft's town meetings.

The Coffee House season has resumed with the recently re-opened stage. Put the second Friday of the Month on your calendar to see your neighbors display their talents.

The BWVC is seeking a volunteers to assist with building management. For more details call Marguerite at 475-2407.

HARVEY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE: Enno Krebbers
There has been a problem with traffic lights at Harvey and Sconset and it is in the process of being repaired.

Now there will be 2 gateways on Harvey Road since Arden voted again and has voted for the gateway at the Marsh Road end of Harvey Road. The text on the signs has yet to be selected. Enno was reminded that that information should be brought back to our meeting for approval.

The stripes on Harvey Road will be done when everything is complete.

TOWN WATCH: Cindy Cohen

There have been several incidents reported. If you see anything questionable please call the police. To volunteer or to keep up with any activity going on in the Ardens access the website: TheArdens.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hardy Hoegger read the resolution that Arden and Ardencroft adopted which is against the excesses of the Patriot Act. David McClintock voiced his concerns about the Patriot Act. A vote was taken and passed to adopt the same resolution.


GOODWILL:

Cindy Cohen reported that the Arden Fair had its best year, making \$37,000. Bob DeNigris announced that the New Candlelight Theatre will perform "Fiddler On The Roof" and the Ardens will attend the Matinee on 10/10/04. Call the theatre for reservations at a special rate for that day.

Richard Julian, son of Barbara and Richard Mondzewlewski, is going to perform on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 8 P.M. at the Gild Hall. It is possibly a record release performance. His first record has received a lot of positive attention.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Dorothy Verne
Secretary