

# Village of Ardentown

Ardentown, Del. 19810

Established 1922

Incorporated 1975

The regular meeting of the Village of Ardentown was convened at 7:35 pm on Monday, September 14, 2014. Annie Gutsche, Chair, presiding. A quorum was present.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Betty Ann Themal           | 10. Mike Fish          | 20. Chris Monson   |
| 2. Page Dwyer                 | 11. Hugh Phibbs        | 21. Shelley Robyn  |
| 3. Cheryl Regan               | 12. Steven Curley      | 22. Pat Lane       |
| 4. Joan Fitzgerald            | 13. Bob Lockerman      | 23. Anie Gutsche   |
| 5. Drew Hansen                | 14. Anne P. Lutz       | 24. Maureen Gordon |
| 6. Terri Hansen               | 15. Doty Verne         | 25. Sandy Landerl  |
| 7. Janet Cosgrove             | 16. Rusty Hoegger      | 26. Oliver Gutsche |
| 8. Suzanne Winkler<br>Maguire | 17. Hardy Hoegger      | 27. Katrina Nelson |
| 9. Jeanine Pollard            | 18. Peter Slattery     |                    |
|                               | 19. Cassandra Slattery |                    |

Approval of Minutes from May Meeting: A request was made that the minutes be revised to include last names and village relationships. Also, the Candlelight Theater has changed name and that needs to be fixed on the mailer pages. The minutes were passed as amended.

## Treasurer's Report-

Operating Accounts	\$ 43,315.97
Municipal Street Aid	\$ 20,873.78
<u>Arden Building and Loan</u>	<u>\$ 22,573.94</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,763.69</b>

## Registration - Betty Ann Themal reporting

Lot 158 New leaseholders and residents 23211 Loreley ( Dulin out ) Stuart Craig and Mhairi  
Craig date of residency: July 17,2015

2316 Orchard Rd. Residents Johanna Rucker date of residency: May 2014  
Rosemary Carey date of residency: Feb. 2013

Sandra Landerl moved to 1520 The Mall as of 7/23/15 ( Lot 184 )

**Archives** - Peter Slattery - The Craft Shop Museum was open during the Arden Fair and had good visitation from people coming and going to the Fair. The current display of the Arden Shakespeare Guild

will be ending. The next exhibit will be on Arden Authors. All are encouraged to come out and visit the Museum.

**Audit-** Steven Curley - Books for the Village of Ardentown were audited and found to be in good order. Books for the Trustees will be audited during the next cycle.

**Memorial Garden** - Betty Ann Themal/Rusty Hoegger - Trees were removed by Trustees. All else in good order. Rusty will be stepping down as Chair, and Betty Ann will become the new chair.

**Community Planning-** Andrew Hansen - The Committee planned to meet in the coming week and tackle two projects: storage of town materials and a path forward for an Ardentown web site.

**Public Works -**

**Roads – Joan Warburton-Phibbs:**

A list of repairs was compiled and an estimate from Downing obtained. It was slightly higher than our budgeted amount, so the repairs have been prioritized. The 7 speed bumps have been repainted with traffic marking paint. DeDOT has repainted all the crosswalks going across Harvey Road with wide white stripes. They have also cleared back the overgrowth at Sconset and Harvey making it safer for the children waiting for the bus, and for traffic turning onto Sconset. They installed flexible red reflectors on the small island to help with left turns.

We received a letter from the residents on Swiss Lane regarding speeding and traffic flow. They are concerned for the safety for children, adults and animals. There are many trucks that use the road for deliveries to Ivy Gables. This was discussed at the coordinating committee meeting, and it was decided to install a two-way stop sign with a caution/children at play sign, and monitor the situation. If no improvements are noted, it was suggested that a speed bump may be in order.

**Signs – Sue Mearkle / Cheryl Regan:**

The company we have been using for our wooden road signs is no longer in business; the committee is researching a replacement company and considering alternate materials. Also, it was brought to our attention that the substitute BSD bus driver had a hard time seeing the signs on Millers/Harvey. To temporarily address this situation, we have taken two very visible/new “Millers” signs and put them on the pole at Miller/Harvey, and we will try to dress up the old ones and reuse them.

**Snow/sand – Paul Romagano:**

Nothing to report.

**Elaine Schmerling:**

**Street Trees:**

Will be working with Pat to identify elms. Proposing that ONCE Emerald Ash Borer hits here to treat the one big one on Henry George Green (on Millers between catalpa and holly across from Lockerman's). A few smallish-ones should be removed; 2 to the left of Candelight, one across from Petit Green on Millers.

**Glen Path:** Bees at 2 spots by rotting wooden steps – at entrance from compost area with big branches, and at entrance from Appletree Ln. Hal Godwin will be spraying.

**Compost Area – Chris Monson:**

Rich Cropper has donated MANY hours of his time and is only charging us for materials – under \$1000. He re-graded the area and dumped 3 loads of ballast material, and has made 2 swales for drainage. What is left of crusher run he will use to raise the path.

We plan an initial REPLANTING for Saturday, 9/26, 10 am. Will probably have to do another day in October too.

The area around the pines on the Henry George Green is inundated with poison ivy. We will contact a few companies to see what they would charge to spray this area. Once that is accomplished, the area will be cleaned out and hopefully will be easier to maintain with grass cutting and line trimming.

**Misc:**

Allen Kleban has accepted the invitation to fill the vacancy on the Public Works and Safety Committee.

**Playground-** Steven Curley- Meeting October 3 from 10 - 12 to treat invasives and clean-up.

**Trustees-** Harry Themal, Pat Lane, Joan Fitzgerald - Nothing to report. Some trees have been removed, and the big tree over Anne Cavannaugh's property was trimmed to address hanging branches.

Trustees are still interviewing Bookkeepers. If anyone has a name to be considered please contact the Trustees.

Buzz Ware Village Center- Terri Hansen- The 10th annual Peddlers, Potions & Practitioners Holistic Marketplace was held the day of the Arden Fair. This is the main fund raiser for the Buzz each year. Final numbers have not been released, but the foot traffic was strong and the vendors spaces were fully rented.

The Buzz Ware Committee will be going to the Village of Arden meeting later this month to request a large disbursement from that Village's contingency fund for repairs and restoration to the exterior of the

Buzz. Lead paint has been found on the exterior and the Committee has been taking bids for either abatement and painting or encapsulation with a stucco overlay treatment.

**Town Chair-** Annie Gutsche- Harvey and Sconset intersection- any residents who have feedback on the intersection should contact Annie Gutsche. Anne Lutz feels that the new painting and the orange warning poles have made a big difference.

Traffic Transportation Management Center has a number available for any residents to call and report malfunctioning traffic lights.

It is still not ideal for pedestrians to walk up Sconset to cross Harvey Road (bike riders can trip the sensor on Sconset as cars do). Please contact Annie if you have ideas to improve the safety for walkers. Terri Hansen offered that any residents who wanted to use the path behind her house and cut through her yard to cross Harvey Road and use Upper Greenbriar and Usandowns to get to Montessori are welcome to do so.

**Elections-**

Registration- Betty Ann Themal stood for re-election. Unanimously reelected.

Budget- Hans Francke (re-election)

Cindy Cohen

Jennie Coe

All were unanimously reelected

Public Work and Safety- Alan Kleban to fill vacancy- unanimously reelected

**New Business:**

Ann Lutz- Trust land behind her leasehold has invasives and she would like to know who is responsible for clearing and controlling. Pat Lane said she would look into it.

Hardy Hoegger- Hardy shared discussion about the proposal for a Labyrinth on the Arden Green and asked if Ardentown residents would consider the Henry George Green if the Arden Green fell through. Residents agreed that the decision needed to be made in Arden first before any discussion could take place in Ardentown.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:38pm

Respectfully submitted

Terri Hansen

Ardentown Secretary