

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

March 17, 2009
7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING: Woody J. Van Sciver, President

INVOCATION: Gerard J. McGlone, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL:
Council President Van Sciver
Council Vice President Raymond - ABSENT
Council Member Crawford - ABSENT
Council Member Edge
Council Member Lynch
Council Member Smith
Council Member Vike
Mayor McGlone

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President informed all present that copies of the agenda are available at the press desk. This is a Public Session of Council. Should any citizen/taxpayer wish to offer comments on any item on the agenda, now is the time to bring those comments before Council. Are there any citizens/taxpayers who wish to bring before Council any item not on the agenda?

Mr. Steve Buerkel of Applied Energy Systems, Inc., reported that his company manufactures equipment that is used to make solar cells. He stated that he has brought ten more jobs to Malvern and several of his workers live in Malvern. Mr. Buerkel further stated that his company employs about 20-30 blue collar craftsmen and that they ship worldwide. He reported that his company continues to grow but is constrained by their existing facility. They currently have a plan before the Planning Commission and he is seeking a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board to allow vehicles from the street to "back in" to a loading dock to load and unload certain types of vehicles. This would occur about twice a week

Council agreed to support the variance request and stated that they would want to try to work with the applicant to move this project forward. The Borough will send a letter of support to the Zoning Hearing Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Council Member Vike, seconded by Council Member Lynch and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Edge and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the Treasurer's Report, the Committee Reports for Finance and Administration, Public Safety, Public Works and the Chief of Police Report, the Code Enforcement Officer's Reports (Building Inspector's Report, Housing and Property Maintenance Report and Zoning Report), the Superintendent of Public Works Report and the Manager's Report for the month of February 2009 as submitted.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Recommendation from Planning Commission for E. King Street Proposed Zoning Amendment – Council will schedule a public hearing for April 21st to consider amending the Borough of Malvern Zoning Ordinance to provide for Multi-Use Development in the C-4 High Intensity Commercial District. The applicant was asked when they would be coming forward with their conditional use application and they responded that it should be no more than 60 days before they would come back with that application.

b. EGGs Grant Application and Matching Funds – Council President Van Sciver reported that the EGGs Grant Application has been submitted and asked Council if they would commit to the \$20,000 matching fund requirement. Council agreed that this would be money well spent.

A motion was made by Council Member Vike, seconded by Council Member Lynch and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to support the EGGs Grant Application and pledge to cover the twenty percent matching funds should the grant be awarded.

Council President Van Sciver reported that a huge thank you should be conveyed to Evangeline Linkous for her tremendous input and efforts in preparing this grant. The Council expressed heartfelt appreciation for a job well done!!

c. CGI Communications Video for Website – Council felt that this would be a good time to make a video with all of the happenings going on in the Borough and an opportunity to make something that would be more interesting than run of the mill. It was felt there was no downside to the production of this video. Council fully supports this project.

d. Tony Dufour, Chairman, Shade Tree Commission – Tony reported that the Borough was awarded thirty (30) bare root trees through the TreeVitalize grant program at a cost of \$25.00 each. The trees will be planted next Saturday, March 28th and volunteers are needed to assist with the planting. Tony has eight volunteers so far plus an outright donation from Bartlett Tree Service to dig the holes for the trees and from W. D. Wells. Tony requested that some of the trees be planted at the Paoli Memorial Grounds as this property is used and viewed as public grounds. Other trees will be planted in the right-of-way by the Boy Scout Cabin and several

trees will be planted along Wayne Avenue on the west side. About twelve trees will go into Randolph Woods and the balance will be planted at Burke Park, Borough Hall and at the Pennwyck/Tidewater area that has been identified as an area for reforestation. Volunteers will meet at the Borough Hall at 9:00 a.m. Tony asked if Borough Council would agree to donate some of the trees for planting at the Paoli Memorial Grounds. Borough Council agreed to donate the trees to the Paoli Memorial Association for planting on their grounds.

e. Pedestrian Circulation Plan – Council President Van Sciver reported that he had prepared a Memorandum to the Planning Commission requesting that they extend the great work they have done on the sidewalk survey to complete a recommendation on a Borough wide pedestrian circulation plan.

Chris Mongeau, Chairman of the Planning Commission, reported that the Circulation Plan would be a much more formal process and would require professional assistance.

Council President Van Sciver stated that he didn't know how much help the Chester County Planning Commission could give the Borough as part of the Comprehensive Plan but that we could talk to Natasha Goguts about this Plan.

Council Member Vike suggested that the public should be encouraged to talk about the sidewalks in all areas of the Borough rather than just in the areas where they live. He felt the Planning Commission should have fewer larger hearings and actually go out and talk to the people individually. He felt that we would lose collective public interest input if we only talk about specific neighborhoods at a time.

Council Member Edge felt it was ridiculous to have some sidewalks along a street and not have continuing sidewalks on the same street. He felt if the Borough had a pedestrian circulation plan, even if the residents were not in favor of sidewalks on their street, if sidewalks on that street were a part of the circulation plan, they should be installed.

Council President Van Sciver felt that the alleys should also be considered in this borough-wide pedestrian circulation plan and the question answered "what should we do with them?"

f. Traffic Signal at Paoli Pike and Warren Avenue – Council Member Edge asked if the Borough was still interested in pursuing a turning arrow at the intersection of Paoli Pike and Warren Avenue. He reported that Willistown Township just received their letter of approval for improvements at this intersection and that they had their consultant preparing a design and cost estimates. Once the cost estimate is prepared, he will inform the Manager and it can be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

In PennDOT's Ten Year Plan, they have identified all the intersections on Paoli Pike to Route 30 to be re-done. We can wait until this work is completed by PennDOT or we can move forward now. There are currently some significant back-ups from Malvern Prep School during school hours.

Council agreed to revisit this item once the cost estimates have been received.

g. 12th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup – the Manager reported that the Willistown Conservation Trust and Willistown Township will be partnering with Malvern Borough to clean-up Ruth Run in Randolph Woods as part of CRC’s Streams Cleanup Week event on Saturday, May 2nd. Volunteers can come to Randolph Woods from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided to volunteers afterwards at Rose Tree Park in Media. Volunteers will be cleaning over 40 sites along our creeks on this Saturday, May 2nd. More information will be available on our website in mid-April.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Edge, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager