

## Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting April 26, 2010

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Lynne Hockenbury, Deb Collins, Barb Rutz, Tina England, Barb Leighton, Joan Stackhouse

**Members Absent:** Kristen Thomas

**Guests Present:** Nancy Schmitt

**The Meeting was called to order at 7:42pm.**

**Approval of Minutes:** March's meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Archeological Survey of Paoli Battlefield – Barb R and Deb C stopped by to observe the survey on Saturday, April 10. There were 10 – 15 people with metal detectors surveying the battlefield. Any finds would be flagged and put into a plastic bag. Location was plotted and the item was collected. Examples of some items found: a coin from the 1700's, impacted bullets, pistol shot, farming implements and buttons. There was discussion that a line of camp fires was possibly located.

#### **Updates:**

- A. East King Street Development – Eli Kahn and David Della Porta were there with the most recent artist rendition drawings. There were no noticeable changes from the original. Discussion included underground parking for residents of the new buildings that would not be open to the public. The parking area in Willistown was increased in size. There will also be parking in front of the buildings along King Street. Discussion also included loading zones to alleviate traffic blockage. The number of residential units decreased from 200 to 190. There was discussion about burying electrical lines from Bridge Street to the east Borough/Willistown line. Lynne requested photos of demolished buildings be taken and copies given to the Malvern Historical Commission. Contractors agreed that they would do the minimum required for Leed Certification and photos were part of the certification, as well as recycling of useable items like bins, doors, blocks, etc. The borough did not give approval to move forward and wants to obtain a lawyer. The borough is also concerned with traffic along King Street and is asking for an independent study to be done, separate from the developer's.
- B. Working on New Book –
  - a. Nancy has logged 86 ½ hours since the last meeting. She is currently in 1936 and her notes fill ½ of a 2 inch notebook. Nancy has a concern with the Thomas Randolph home that used to be on (242) Monument Ave. This house is important in her research, but has since been torn down. There were no photos of this house in the history center. The historical commission members brainstormed that perhaps neighbors or others in the borough may have this house in the background of photos. It was suggested that perhaps we ask the neighbors. Nancy stressed that the commission should put forth a concerted effort to photograph the borough.
  - b. Nancy shared her research findings with the commission. Nancy noted that many quotes from the Little Garden's Club and Monday Afternoon Club scrapbooks gives one a sense of the time. These women's groups were progressive for their time. From the 1900 – 1920's, women in Malvern were college educated, involved in borough happenings, fearless and enjoyed acting and the arts. Many meeting discussions were around the topic of how women and their roles were changing.
- C. Walking Tour Brochures – Nancy put an additional 25 brochures out at the library and 25 brochures outside of the borough office. She also added more flyers on the History Center resources.

- D. Consigned Books – Kohlerman’s was out of books and would like a few more. Lynne will drop them off.
- E. E-Bay and Books – Tina researched the cost to ship books for sale by the Historical Commission. With the cost for shipping and materials, we would have to charge around \$7 for shipping and handling. Putting books on Ebay for sale will be moved to the action log.

**Old Business:**

- A. Malvern Blooms – Barb presented a wonderful binder with photos of Malvern from the History Center. Barb R and Deb C created a display case with several postcards and items also from the History Center. Maps and posters also were hung in the tent. The commission sold \$5 in 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coins and 2 coloring books for \$10. With the new sign and display items, the commission felt more people stopped at the booth. It was suggested that the commission members should decide on display items the meeting prior to the fall festival.
- B. Historic Ordinances – Lynne handed out the updated ordinance with changes. Lynne asked that the commission members read through it and send her an email with comments and concerns by the weekend.
- C. Pictures of Buildings/Houses – Barb L has taken pictures up to Sheffield and is still working on it.
- D. Digital Property – the commission determined that we would wait until we had a larger number of items to print before printing. This item has been moved to the action log.
- E. Members present went through items for acquisition and filed items accepted.
- H. Action log has been updated and reviewed by the commission.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.**

**Next meeting: Monday, May 24, 7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins

Secretary Malvern Historic Commission