

MALVERN BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION
In-Person & Via Zoom Conference
Malvern, PA 19355

February 1, 2024
7:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:31 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Carroll Sinquett, Chair
Zoe Warner, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Christopher Mongeau, Commissioner
David Knies, Ph.D., Commissioner
Geoff Rubino, Commissioner
Brian Hamilton, Commissioner (Zoom)
Lynne Frederick, Alternate Commissioner (Zoom)

ABSENT:

Scott Oswald, Commissioner (Training)

Staff & Professionals Present:

Corinne J. Badman, Assistant Borough Manager and
Assistant Zoning Officer
Ken Kynett, Esq., Planning Commission Solicitor
Dan Daley, Borough Engineer

ABSENT:

1. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Christopher Mongeau, seconded by Mr. Geoff Rubino, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2024 meeting of the Planning Commission as submitted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Malvern Retreat Discussion

Mr. Michael Norton and Mr. Bob Humbert were invited to the MPC meeting to discuss future plans they may have for the retreat grounds. Since the SALDO and Zoning Ordinances are being reviewed and updated, the MPC and Borough felt it was important to reach out to the Malvern Retreat to ensure our goals and their plans for future development are coordinated. The Malvern Retreat provides 125 acres of open space in the Borough and are a welcomed resource in our community.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Humbert spoke about the plans they have for the grounds. Their strategic plan is still about one year out from completion, but there are no plans to sell the property. They have worked with the CRC to plant trees that were removed by previous administration and to date have planted 155 trees. The Malvern Retreat is also looking to build a columbarium on site for ashes, as well as install a 37 foot cross that was donated to them from when Pope John Paul visited in 1979. Both items will having Zoning and building permits submitted to the Borough when the time comes for approval. They have done much better this year coming out of Covid to build up their occupancy for retreats, but they are still not to where they were prior to Covid.

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Mr. Humbert had one main concern for the property and that was Stormwater issues. They have a massive amount of erosion in the grotto area from water runoff. They hope to work with the Borough to come up with a solution for the property.

Borough Engineer Dan Daley advised that possibly a water basin area may help with a slow release of the water once it is captured to help with the erosion.

The MPC thanked Mr. Norton and Mr. Humbert for attending the meeting and they look forward to working with them again for future plans.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Review Top 5 Action items on the Comp Plan

Chairman Carroll Sinquett advised the member of the MPC to review the action items left from the Comprehensive Plan and they will discuss what will be working on next at a future meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Christopher Mongeau, seconded by Dr. Zoe Warner, Ph.D., and carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Corinne J. Badman
Assistant Borough Manager & Assistant Zoning Officer
Secretary