

Malvern Historical Commission

Meeting November 26, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Barb Rutz, Lynne Hockenbury, Joan Stackhouse, Deb Collins

Members Absent: Barbara Leighton

Guests Present: Nancy Schmitt, Pat Marcozzi

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

Approval of Minutes: September meeting minutes were approved w/correction: additional detail added to Nancy's Comments. October's meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Report: To Lynne's recollection, the Commission has \$557.973 left to spend of the 2012 budget after Nancy submitted receipts. The savings account balance is \$738.50.

Old Business:

- A. **Historic Ordinance Update:** A public meeting was held on November 20th. There were 76 residents who registered to attend. Lynne presented the PPT presentation and a Q&A session was held afterward. Karen Marshall from Chester County was there. Overall, no one seemed upset about the demolition. There were some concerns with issues like small detailing (windows, doors). There was argumentative discussion about the properties not looking like other houses, or keeping with the character of other houses, on the street.

Karen Marshall brought up design standards and shared Kennett Square's design standard with Lynne.

If the borough does away with selective demolition then the residents would like to see a larger mapped area.

Karen Marshall suggested a basic demolition ordinance first, then work on something additional with more detail.

If the residents of Malvern Borough are interested in design standards, then the Historical Commission can work that into the ordinance later.

Some basic questions were, "What if there is an immediate need – like a leak" and "What if I just don't have money to spend?"

Basically, the most efficient process would be to create a demolition ordinance first, then a preservation ordinance.

- B. Paoli United Methodist Church women's group tour on 11/6:** On November 6, Barb R. gave a presentation for about one hour. The group looked at items, and talked about many of the historic buildings.
- C. Spending the balance of the budget:** The commission members agreed to purchase a laptop computer, replacing the old computer and pay for historical association memberships for 2013.

New Business:

- A. Knots and Weaves:** Knots and Weaves held an open house. Nancy took pictures. They are now operating at 218 E. King Street.
- B. Victorian Christmas celebration:** The Historical Commission will set up a table at the National Bank of Malvern during the Victorian Christmas event on Friday, December 7, 2012, again this year. Commission members will man the table and Nancy will be available to sign books and talk with visitors.
- C. Nancy Schmitt's Comments:**
 - a. The Fisher article is completed and was sent to Mike Fisher for the Fisher Family to look over. Publication could be considered for the 125th celebration.
 - b. Nancy shared highlighted articles from the Daily Local:
 - 1. The Baptist Church
 - 2. Proposed Willistown/Malvern Trail
 - 3. Cheshire Hunt in West Marlborough Farm – this property is related to a relative of the National Bank of Malvern

And from the Philadelphia Inquirer:

- 1. Still Living Large in Malvern – The commission identified the house in this article as NOT being in Malvern Borough
- 2. Pull-out about Malvern Victorian Christmas

D. Historical Commission: Approval of dates for 2013 – these will be posted on the Internet. There are two commission terms expiring on December 31, 2012 and we currently have two vacancies.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 28 at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Collins
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