

Borough of Malvern

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016

Approved Minutes

A regular session of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the Malvern Municipal Building. Members present included: Amy Finkbiner, Lynne Hockenbury Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, Mark Niemiec, Geoff Rubino and Carroll Sinquett.

Also present: Ari Christakis, Borough Solicitor and Neil Lovekin, Assistant Borough Manager

Chairperson Knies called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Minutes

Minutes for January 7, 2016, were approved as submitted.

Public Meeting: Herzak Property (Sale: “Change of Use”)

Ari Christakis, Borough Solicitor

Mr. Christakis explained Resolution 697 which was passed by Borough Council authorized the sale of the north side piece of the Herzak property. This public meeting was advertized on January 8, 2016.

Dave Knies explained that the Planning Commission suggested alternate uses for the property to Borough Council. Kurt Leininger noted that the property is a place that could be used to work out in the winter when you could run up the incline. Mr. Knies stated that the Planning Commission can recycle its recommendation for alternative uses for the property if the sale does not work out. A member of the audience suggested it be used for parking. Mark Niemiec suggested engaging a consultant for input into the use of both the north side and the basketball court. Sandy Kelley recommended a water park. Dave Knies proposed acquiring additional property adjacent to the basketball court and looking at all the Borough recreational spaces with a consultant. A skateboard park and a little kids park were proposed. Chris Mongeau recommended using the money from the sale of the property be used to improve the existing parks. Use of the Borough parks by non residents was discussed.

Dave Knies will draft a recommendation to Borough Council that includes:

- Proceeding with the sale of the north side of the Herzak property
- Using the proceeds from the sale to improve existing parks
- Engaging the services of a consultant to explore potential uses for the property if it is not sold

The recommendation will be emailed to Commission members for revision and approval.

The Public Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Public Comment

None

Old Business/New Business

Borough Council has requested a list of three to five “doable” things that the Planning Commission would like to see accomplished in the next two years.

Commission members recommended:

- Revision of Zoning Ordinances last revised in 2003-2006
- Updating Borough ordinances to reflect the Comprehensive Plan

- Hiring a consultant for the Borough parks
- Addressing pedestrian issues – signage and sidewalks as identified in the walkability study

Dave Knies will draft the recommendations and email them to Commission members for revision and approval.

Ari Christakis stated that the revised Borough ordinances will go to the county and then to Borough Council for approval after a public meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Recorded by
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