

Borough of Malvern

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2014

Approved Minutes

A regular session of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at the Malvern Municipal Building. Members present included: Tom Burns, Dana Carosella, Amy Finkbiner, Dave Knies and Geoffrey Rubino.

Also present: Neil Lovekin, Assistant Borough Manager and Wendy McLean, Borough Solicitor.

Chairperson Knies called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of December 4, 2014 approved as corrected.

Wireless Communication Ordinance Draft

Wendy McLean, Borough Solicitor

Ms. McLean explained that the following changes to the draft ordinance were made or planned:

- Definitions added
- Singular and plural of the word antennae will be sorted out and corrected
- Provision for conditional use for all or by height. All will be treated the same way.
- Public Utility Certificate holders will still need a Borough right of way permit.
- Fee has not been set as yet.

Tom Burns asked if there are any restrictions on location of antennae based on aesthetics. Dave Knies asked about placement of antennae on mailboxes or trees.

Wendy McLean stated that ordinances generally encourage co-location of antennae. The ordinance may need to be fine tuned after gaining experience with the ordinance. Radio, TV and microwave antennae are excluded. The ordinance permits the fire company to have a free standing antennae.

A motion was made by Amy Finkbiner and seconded by Tom Burns to recommend amending Ordinance 22414 and related definitions and that the Borough forward the Ordinance to the Chester County Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Ordinance

Wendy McLean stated that the Historical Commission Ordinance will be advertized for the January 20, 2015, Council meeting.

Planning Commission Membership

Dave Knies and Geoff Rubino's terms expire in December. Borough Council meets on January 6, 2015, and will make appointments at that time.

“Walkability Study”

Progress to date was discussed including the spreadsheet, current signage and additional signage.

Public Comment

Recent out of town school bus hit and run fatality was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recorded by
Marty Laney