
Borough of Malvern

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2013

Approved Minutes

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at the Malvern Municipal Building. Members present included: Amy Finkbiner, Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, Cecelia Oswald and Carroll Siquett.

Chairman Mongeau called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 5, 2013 were approved as corrected.

Old Business

Revised Greenway Plan

An email “Re-route suggestion for the Greenway plan” from Woody Van Sciver was reviewed.

Carroll Siquett described the current plan and proposed revision of the Patriot’s Path. He likes having the path removed from Warren Avenue.

Danny Fruchter commented that he liked the proposed use of the east lawn area of the Borough Building. He, however, does not want a sidewalk constructed on the west side of Channing Street on his property. He does not oppose construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Channing. He does not feel that the 2 foot wide grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk is necessary. He would like to see the sidewalk widened to the curb.

Chris Mongeau noted that the 2 foot grassy strip is for pedestrian safety. Carroll Siquett added that it is needed for snow removal. Cecelia Oswald stated that it is a safety feature for children walking and biking on the sidewalk.

The preservation of the existing trees on Channing Avenue was discussed. Some neighbors have already agreed to the removal of the trees on the east side of Channing. Danny Fruchter discussed building a raised sidewalk to preserve the magnolia.

John Buckley reminded the Commission that the Church Street improvements were to be a model for future projects.

Action on the proposed changes to the pathway was tabled until the next meeting.

Official Map

Dave Knies discussed the need for an official map that could include:

- the future use of large parcels of land should they come up for sale
- services for seniors
- protection of headwaters and streams was discussed

An official map would tie together zoning, codes and the comprehensive plan. A strategic plan could be developed.

Truck Traffic on Bridge Street

Danny Fruchter introduced the topic and Dave Knies recommended that he discuss it with Dwayne Milne.

Chris Mongeau thanked the members of the Commission for their service. All business before the Commission being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Recorded by Marty Laney