

Borough of Malvern

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2015

Approved Minutes

A regular session of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at the Malvern Municipal Building. Members present included: Lynne Hockenbury, Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, and Carroll Siquett.

Also present: Neil Lovekin, Assistant Borough Manager

Chairman Knies called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Minutes of August 20, 2015, were tabled; to be approved at the Sept 17th meeting.

Walkability Report – status update

Dave Knies reported that a new spread sheet has been developed and that three items need to be “checked out” to complete it. Three lists will be submitted based on the data collected: a “dirty dozen list of sidewalks that are current hazards” a list of other sidewalks needing repair, and an overall inventory of sidewalk and their current conditions. The plan is to submit it to Borough Council in October. The Commission would like Borough Council to establish an annual fund for new sidewalk installation, and to establish an annual sidewalk survey. Chris Mongeau recommended the development of a priority list for new sidewalks and making infill a priority. Resident opposition and potential backlash were also discussed.

Herzak Property – finalize suggestions for potential uses

Neil Lovekin distributed copies of Mark Niemiec’s email dated August 31, 2015. His suggestions included relocation of the basketball court, placing parking off Miner Street to avoid the Bridge Street/Old Lincoln Hwy intersection and selling the north side parcel to a developer. Suggestions for future use also included: buying additional property from owners adjacent to the basketball court and combining the north side portion of property with adjacent properties.

Ruthland Avenue Property – finalize discussion of suggestions for use

Suggestions included: creation of a dog park, victory gardens, and a skateboard park. Carroll Siquett suggested selling it to Haley and doing something near Randolph Woods instead. Chris Mongeau suggested selling it and using the money derived from the sale to develop existing parks. Lynne Hockenbury noted that we have tot lots and basketball courts but nothing for

school age children. Discussion included safety issues related to fire trucks on Ruthland Avenue, moving the Borough Public Works Department to the industrial zone on the North side, and parking for the site. Chris Mongeau recommended the hiring of a consultant to evaluate all of the parks and develop an overall plan. Kristin Thomas offered to help raise money for the construction of a skateboard park.

Public Comment

John Buckley pointed out current safety issues with the lack of sidewalks on S. Warren Ave running to Paoli Pike.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Recorded by
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