

Borough of Malvern

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2014

Approved Minutes

A regular session of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the Malvern Municipal Building. Members present included: Tom Burns, Dana Carosella, Amy Finkbiner, Chris Mongeau, and Carroll Sinquett.

Vice Chairperson Finkbiner called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Minutes: June 19, 2014 approved as distributed.

Public Comment

John Buckley noted that there were no copies of the agenda available.

Malvern Retreat Property

Danny Fruchter's letter to Borough Council was discussed. The easement along 2nd Avenue on the Retreat property does not run to Warren Avenue. It stops at Church Street.

347/361 Old Lincoln Highway – preliminary plan

The application was acknowledged. Review was tabled until July 31, by which date the Engineering Review Letter will be available.

It was noted that the clock started today.

MPC Initiatives Table Updates

Assigned leads, teams, and completion dates were reviewed. Example stormwater "trouble spots" were discussed. Chris Mongeau will bring assignments for the sidewalk/signage survey to an upcoming meeting.

Potential Purchase of Herzak Property – Discussion of Possible Uses

The property consists of the basketball court, the parking lot, and the lot across the street on Old Lincoln Highway just east of Bridge Street. The seller wants to sell the two lots together.

Chris Mongeau stated that if the Borough were to obtain the property he would recommend “flipping it” and using the money to improve the quality of the Borough’s existing parks – quality versus quantity. Chris asked if the Borough was in the “land buying business.”

Tom Burns stated that the basketball court is in use every time he passes by it. Chris Mongeau said that he has not observed the court in use when he has driven by.

Tom suggested that the Commission ask the Police Department about the viability of the court.

Discussion included the use of Borough money to buy property that once in Borough possession will not generate taxes, and the cost of maintaining the Herzak property. Carroll Siquett would like to see a cost analysis.

Chris Mongeau noted that Burke Park is the center of town and needs improvement. The clock is its best feature. In its current state it is not inviting.

It was suggested that the community be surveyed using Survey Monkey.

Tom Burns will contact Parks and Recreation, Patti Rossiter, and the police for their input.

Vacancy on the Planning Commission

Resumes are being accepted until July 23.

Historical Commission

A representative will be at the next meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance for historic resource protection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Recorded by
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