

Borough of Malvern

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2014

Approved Minutes

A regular session of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Malvern Municipal Building. Members present included: Tom Burns, Dana Carosella, Amy Finkbiner, Dave Knies, Chris Mongeau, Geoffrey Rubino and Carroll Sinquett.

Chairperson Knies called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

Minutes: July 31, 2014 approved as corrected.

Public Comment

John Buckley questioned how much experience the new Commission member had. He then noted that the new sidewalk at Danny Fruchter's property does not conform with the standard for existing sidewalks. It does not have a grass strip. Dave Knies stated that this was done to preserve an existing tree. Chris Mongeau added that we have a new Borough Council membership and they may choose to follow a new direction. The Planning Commission is an advisory body to Borough Council. Mr. Buckley would have to take this issue to Council for further action.

Historical Commission Ordinance

The Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing the proposed historical ordinance. Comments are due to Amy Finkbiner by the next PC meeting date.

MPC Sidewalk/Signage Review

Chris Mongeau stated that the same methodology will be used -- a data collection sheet with check off boxes. Chris will distribute the form by the next meeting of the Commission.

347/361 Old Lincoln Highway

The Commission is still waiting for the plan for 361. The Planning Commission does not want to make a recommendation on either plan before seeing both applications. Mr. Knies reviewed

the calendar with the Borough Manager. The Planning Commission's recommendation is due to Borough Council by September 8.

Borough Council

Carroll Sinquett reported that Council is working on the budget and has requested input from the Commission on: adopting an official map; updating the Zoning and Subdivision ordinances to comply with the Comprehensive Plan; reviewing the commercial district for improvements; and preventing developers from buying up multiple properties. Additional discussion included the appearance of the LI district; the vision for the borough; and a parking study.

Dave Knies stated that Council should provide the Commission with written instructions specifying what is to be studied and what the goals are. Dave Knies will speak to Wendy McLean about a draft official map that she may have.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Recorded by
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