

**Malvern Historical Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**June 27, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

Hugo Schmitt, chair – present  
Barbara Rutz, vice chair – present  
Catherine Raymond, treasurer – present  
Ian Duncan, secretary – absent  
Lynne Frederick, member – present  
Jonathan Hoppe, member – present  
Barbara Stergiades, member – absent

Chair Hugo Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

- I. Opening Remarks – Historical Commission will be attending the Malvern Fire Company Fair on July 11<sup>th</sup>
- II. Public Comment
  - A. Mr. Joe Ranaudo is looking forward to the Malvern Fire Company Fair
- III. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Cathy motioned to approve minutes with amendments, Lynne seconded. Motion passed. Minutes approved as amended.
- IV. Reports
  - A. Donations received – Anonymous donation of the 1964 booklet *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Borough of Malvern*
  - B. Financial Report – May and June reports are lacking reconciliation figures for the commission's new computer and will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting
  - C. Electronic Communication report
    1. Facebook Likes: 1,629; Follows: 1,822
    2. Instagram Follows: 480
    3. Yahoo email: junk
    4. Malvern.org emails:
      - Bertha Jackmon: Juneteenth Celebration
      - Cara Dore, Charlestown Elementary: asked if Historical Commission travels to schools with artifacts; Hugo responded asking for more information.
      - Beverly Sheppard of the board of the America250PA Chester County Commission emailed about organizing celebrations for the county's Semiquincentennial this August.
    5. Facebook Messages: Michael Allen Mudge messaged seeking information on Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Glen Moore and was directed to contact them directly.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Borough Hall dedication plaque progress – Hugo, Tiffany Loomis, and former borough councilman Henry Briggs will meet on June 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the plaque
  - B. Malverns Worldwide – no updates

- C. Preservation Awards – updates to the wording of some letter templates to will be made
  - D. Historic Ordinance – no updates; Lynne is waiting on an updated map from the County
  - E. Action Log – Hugo has updated the log, but it is not yet in a state to share updates with Borough Council
  - F. Waterworks building – Historical Commission members plan to visit building on the afternoon of June 30<sup>th</sup> to view the building.
  - G. 150th Anniversary of Malvern's Naming & 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MHC – Ardmore, renamed from Athensville at the same time as Malvern was renamed from West Chester Intersection, is doing a celebration later in the year. The historical Commission is considering options to mark the occasion at Christmas on King in November
  - H. Legacy Tree Project – Helise Bichefsky, Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), wants the Historical and Shade Tree Commissions to meet with the EAC in August to discuss developing a walking tour brochure to historic trees
- VI. New Business
- A. Valley Creek Church renaming plaque – the church is placing a plaque on a boulder on their front lawn honoring the 190 years of the First Baptist Church.
- VII. Events
- A. MHC Open Hours – June 27<sup>th</sup>: Hugo and Barbara Rutz reorganized some subject files; a family of 3 visited wanting to learn more about local history; July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> confirmed as next open hours.
  - B. CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Dinner – June 21 – Hugo and Lynne attended and presented yearly recap of Historical Commission's accomplishments
  - C. PBPF Town Tour & Village Walk – June 29
  - D. Malvern Fair – July 11; regular Historical Commission meeting to be canceled
  - E. Jon's talk with Chester County History Center, July 25 – confirmed; regular Historical Commission meeting to be canceled
  - F. Craft & Mercantile – September 15
  - G. Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day – September 23
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. 8:52 P.M. Motion to adjourn by Catherine Raymond, seconded by Barbara Rutz; motion passed

Next regular meeting: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Hoppe, Acting Secretary