

Malvern Historical Commission
Minutes
March 26, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Hugo Schmitt, chair – present
Barbara Rutz, vice chair – present
Catherine Raymond, treasurer – absent
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 7:31 P.M.

- I. Opening Remarks – Chair Hugo Schmitt noted the fête for Ira Dutter's retirement to which all MHC commissioners were invited.
- II. Public Comment – Mr. Joe Ranaudo enjoyed attending Ira Dutter's retirement as a guest of a commissioner. Mr. John Buckley had questions about the specifics of the invitations.
- III. Approval of minutes from previous meetings – Lynne Frederick motioned to approve the minutes from the March 12th meeting with corrections, seconded by Barbara Rutz. Motion carried unanimously. March 12th minutes approved as amended.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Financial Report – No updates due to absence of treasurer Cathy Raymond.
 - B. Donations Received – None.
 - C. Electronic Communication Report
 1. Facebook – 1,868 followers; Instagram – 498 followers
 2. Yahoo email: junk – Outlook email – spam; two emails from CCHPN; an email from Joey Ryan asking for photos of the train station to present to the Buttery's new coffee shop there; Hugo directed him to Campli Photography. Mr. Ryan later bought postcards from the History Center to present to the employees there.
- V. Old Business
 - A. June tour the day before the Memorial Day / parade with Paoli Battlefield Preservation Trust – Jim Christ presented the proposal to the other PBPT and other related groups; the Upper Main Line Memorial Association was in favor; Hugo Schmitt spoke with other borough event organizers to coordinate concurrent events and messaging for the day.
 - B. Deed of Gift and temporary custody paperwork – Jonathan Hoppe will send on samples to Borough Administration Office.
 - C. Parks Information (Parks & Rec) – No updates.
 - D. Legacy Tree Project (Parks & Rec and Shade Tree Commission) – P&R and STC developed a three-step plan moving forward: Parks and Rec will define categories of trees, STC will categorize the trees, and the MHC will develop materials around the history/historical events surrounding the trees.
 - E. Malverns Worldwide – No updates.

- F. Preservation Awards – MHC to begin considering awardees for this year and letters to be sent to those previous awardees who have not yet picked up their awards.
- G. Historic Ordinance – No updates.
- H. Action Log Progress – MHC to discuss summer interns at a future meeting.
- I. Water System Pump House – Hugo Schmitt met with architect Dan Campbell at the pump house along with Borough Council members Joe Bones, Angela Riccetti, and Mark Niemiec and Superintendent of Public Works Walt Davis on March 14th. Dan viewed the exterior and will present a report stating the need for a study period to effect structural stabilization and the hiring of a professional engineering firm to stabilize the building.

VI. New Business

- A. America/PA 250 – 2026 marks the semiquincentennial of the U.S.; America250 Chester County is looking for municipalities to resolve to support the effort and to take steps to mark their histories with tours etc.

VII. Events

- A. CCHPN Leadership Luncheon – Hugo met the Chester County Planning Commission's new Heritage Preservation Coordinator David Blackburn during the March leadership luncheon.
- B. MHC Open Hours – Next open hours are April 20th and May 18th, 2024.
- C. Spring on King – May 4
- D. Tour with PBPF – June 1
- E. Memorial Day Parade – June 2
- F. Craft & Mercantile: September 20
- G. Paoli Battlefield Reenactment – September 21

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Jonathan Hoppe, seconded by Lynne Frederick; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Next regular meeting: April 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Hoppe, Acting Secretary