

Minutes
Malvern Historical Commission
February 26, 2019

Attendance:

Lynne Frederick, Chair
Barbara Rutz, Vice Chair
Catherine Raymond, Treasurer
Kelly Schmitt, Secretary **ABSENT**
Zeyn Uzman, member (late)
Barbara Stergiades, member **ABSENT**
VACANT

The meeting was called to order by Lynne Frederick at 7:35 p.m.

I. OPENING REMARKS.

There were no opening remarks.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT. The following members of the public were present: Jim Christ (for the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund), Jim Fooskas (for the National Bank of Malvern), Joe Ranaudo, and Carroll Sinquett.

Mr. Ranaudo expressed regret that the MBPA's Malvern Stroll nights are not conducted during the winter, even though it has been too cold to do much walking.

Town Tour. Because Messrs. Christ and Fooskas were present to discuss Malvern's Town Tour, that discussion was held first.

1. **Bank support.** Jim Fooskas says that the National Bank of Malvern has no problem with the Bank being a stop on our tour. In fact, the Bank would like to have Bank personnel present the "script" for the Bank tour stop themselves. They have already prepared a script for the purpose and would like us to review it. The Commission expressed agreement with this idea.
2. **PBPF resources.** Jim Christ said that the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund ("PBPF") would be willing to provide us with tents or tables if we need any. Lynne said she didn't think we would need tents because we are setting up the bulk of what items might need protecting under the gazebo in Burke Park, but thanked Jim for the offer.

3. **Sources for refreshments.** Jim Christ also stated that it can be pretty easy to obtain free beverages and light snacks in quantity from local grocery providers for free. He said that Giant and ACME will issue gift cards in small amounts (e.g., \$25.00) to a non-profit conducting an event. Wegmans will provide a larger dollar amount, but requires about four months of processing time and a more detailed application that has to be completed on-line. WAWA also requires an on-line application but is very generous with what they will supply (e.g., 500 bottles of water or WAWA brand soft drinks), and you can designate which WAWA store you would like to pick up the refreshments from. Jim said that he has a sturdy, wheeled wagon we could use to transport beverages from the WAWA on King Street, and Lynne stated that we might take him up on that offer.
4. **Additional Volunteers.** A brief discussion was held about where to obtain other persons to present scripts and lead tour groups for the Tour. Lynne said that she would prefer not to commit Commission members to those tasks, so they could be ready to deal with more complicated issues that may arise. Jim Christ offered to have some of the PBPF members do tour tasks. Lynne said she would ask for volunteers from the East Goshen (for whom Commission members have volunteered before) and West Whiteland historical organizations. The West Goshen organization might also assist, as its members are looking for education on how to run historical tours. Lynne also said that the owner of Gallery 222 is interested in presenting a script at her building.

After the Town Tour discussion, Jim Fooskas left.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Because Commission Secretary Kelly Schmitt was absent from the previous meeting, Lynne Frederick had volunteered to prepare minutes of that meeting, which were not yet completed. The minutes will be presented for approval at our March meeting.

IV. REPORTS.

1. Events Committee. Lynne noted that the only upcoming events for which we have any information at this point is the annual CCHPN Workshop (scheduled for March 23), Malvern Blooms (scheduled for May 5), and the Summerfest Block Party (scheduled for September 8). Lynne and Cathy stated that they plan to attend the CCHPN Workshop. Malvern Blooms and the Summerfest Block Party were mentioned in our report in the February Borough Broadcaster and the winter issue of INGV; nothing more need be done on those matters until the events are nearer in time.

2. Publication Committee. Lynne observed that our Facebook page presently has 1,041 likes and 1,061 follows and seems to be doing well. Jim Christ suggested that the PBPF's Bulletin could publish notices to advertise our Tour at the beginning of July and the beginning of August.

3. Preservation Awards Committee. It was agreed to discuss possible awardees for the 2019 Preservation Awards at our March meeting.

4. Electronic Communications report. Six e-mails were received since last meeting.

Two of them were directed to Barbara Rutz, and requested input from the Commission with regard to PennDOT projects located nowhere near Malvern.

One was an e-mail from Donna Kiphorn expressing interest in the vacancy on the Commission; unfortunately, Ms. Kiphorn lives in East Whiteland and is not eligible. Lynne will respond to Ms. Kiphorn's e-mail with that information.

The other e-mails were routine advertising on the Yahoo account.

V. OLD BUSINESS. Discussion of plans for our Town Tour in August was the only item of old business; that item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS. Lynne reported that Karen Marshall of the Chester County Planning Commission sent her an e-mail requesting information from us about 1) registration for our August Town Tour; 2) parking; and 3) more text for our description of the Tour. Cathy agreed to contact Karen and get further guidance as to what she is looking for from us and how soon she needs to have it.

VII. ADJOURNMENT. Zeyn Uzman moved to adjourn at about 8:15 p.m. and Cathy Raymond seconded.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2019.