

Official MABA Minutes – May 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Library Annex. It was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Vice President Cheryl Jones, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Deb Breeding, Bruce Breeding, MinDee Sommerla, Claire Thalken, Mary Poort, Fred Moreau, Ethan Richter, Amy Smith, Ruby Simms, Kate Phelps, Zack Jones, Becky Bell, and Bill Gilbert.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bruce Breeding and seconded by Deb Breeding.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$5,756.30, New recreation project \$27,653.04, Gateway to Chaos & \$10,952.50. Malvern Bucks \$360. There is \$640 credit at Menards purchased when it was the 11% promotion. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mindee Sommerla, seconded by Deb Breeding. Motion Carried.

The Malvern Business Group was given by Zack Jones in Doug Burchett's absence. This is businesses joining together to promote business in Malvern. Maybe this could be an addition to MABA. It was discussed that MABA promotes the community and this group promotes businesses. Does MABA want to make this part of MABA. Where do we start? MABA use to be a commercial Club until it became a 501C organization. It was decided that the line of communication between the organizations should be kept open. Maybe MABA and this Malvern Business Group can market businesses together. Maybe this can be made a committee of MABA. This group would like more participation by businesses. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 at the Golf Course.

The 401-403 Buildings progress was discussed. There was a conference call with the DNR. There is an extension deadline to the end of June and another extension was requested through June 2015. Going to split off 401 and 403 from the rest of the project so there can be a start on the structural part. They will be starting from the top, taking asbestos to the landfill. The project will be given out for bids in June with construction this Fall. Checking about tax credits for 401 and 403 and rebates for windows.

The Rec Project was discussed. The yellow house will be demolished on May 10th. The basketball court will be on the Northeast corner running North and South. There will be a black eight foot fence and four benches with backs. We are in the process of talking about lighting. Ideally there will be four lights. Our money \$15,000 grant needs to be spent by the end of May. This includes paint, decals, backboards and etc. This may not be in place by end of May but the \$15,000 grant money will be spent. This has been given an O.K. to order items for the \$15,000 grant money.

The JEO pool study report was given by Bev. They walked around inside and outside the building. For a 1970's pool it is not as bad shape as they have seen. It has been taken good care of. Every day they have to add a foot of water. An option possibility would be to fix it. The piping under the deck is where the leakage is. A band aid option of \$50,000 is to tear up the deck and try to find and replace the leak. If they were doing a new pool they would put it where the old one is. This could possibly be done during closed season. Many idea options were discussed.

MABA paid for a VIP plan JEO came up for the City of Malvern. We now have a draft form 36 page plan.

MinDee ran through the details for the Independence Day Celebration. Fireworks went up about 10 percent. A solicitation letter will be sent. A \$1,000 donation for Louie Knop has been received from Max and Evelyn Boyd for an opening display of fireworks and a written tribute. There is \$9,800 in fireworks. Admission will be \$5.00 for adults, 12 and under will be \$3.00. All day activity bracelets will be sold for \$15.00.

En Plein Air Art Festival & BBQ Contest will be on September 20th and 21st. There will not be a Beer Garden. There will be a people's choice competition. Contestants can bring whatever they want to cook, shrimp, chicken, beef or pork. MABA is buying the pork for the concession stand and some ribs to sell for \$2.00. Marty Green will be the D.J. for no charge. There will be two bands. BBQ will be at Boehner Pond with the activities down there. Cheryl is still looking for someone to do Kids Activities and the Vendors. There will be no charge. Maybe there can be a Farmers Market also.

A Gateway of Chaos was discussed. The trailer is parked on Zanders land by the school. The shop class can get three walls done in each class. Probably will be 200 walls when completed. If the shop classes don't get all the walls done Chipper and John and help will finish building the rest of them. ¾ of the old walls have been dismantled where they are stored in Jones' building. Rest of the stuff stored there can stay until it is needed. We now have permission to park the trailer at the entrance of the Fair grounds. There were pictures passed around of options for painting the trailer to advertise Independence Celebration, the Mills County Fair and Gateway of Chaos.

A scholarship application was discussed.

The Community Building sign options were discussed. The grant for the sign is \$1,000. There is a metal pole there that could be used, not too far from the flag pole and is wired for lighting. There were pictures of examples for the sign passed around. Boehner Park sign across the street could possibly be coordinated with the Community Building sign. It was suggested to talk to Woody Jones and see if he would make the sign frame. Bev will find costs for this project.

Bonnie Pearce and Deb Breeding reported on the Planters/Art for the Main Street nodes coming on Wednesday. Bonnie and Deb showed an example of the Iron Work Designs that will be placed in the center of the big pots. The Bank will water the ones of the corner across the street from the Bank. Fred M. will water the one on the corner closest to his place. The Extension Office will water the one on their corner and Deb will water the one on the other corner.

Rebecca Johnson informed MABA that during EMS week there is a Bike Rodeo for Kids. MABA will be co-sponsors with the Malvern Bank and Kohlls for buying bike helmets for the kids participating. MABA will donate up to \$200 for this.

Several Ribbon Cuttings was discussed. The chiropractor is waiting for rest of his equipment before he has his open house. Stacy Means is opening a new place by the Laundromat.

Ruby Simms discussed the Welcome Packets. An example of the bags was shown. New people will receive a newcomer's bag if they come to the Bank or City Hall. Hope to have the bags done by the end of the month. It was suggested to go ahead and take some to the City Hall, Bank, and Lynn Christiansen to start giving out. MABA could put a display at Mulholland's to inform new comers in town to go to the Welcome Center to get information.

The need to make a new Malvern Brochure was discussed.

The Bike Lane on Main Street needs to be repainted. It was discussed not to repaint as it didn't stay on very long. Possibly signage would be better directing Bikers to downtown. This was tabled until next meeting.

Zack Jones reported the Depot will be reroofed. There is a grant for water and sewer hookup there. Possible it will be like a Bunk House and could be rented online. Would be a nice option where bikers could shower. There is \$1,000 memorial for benches and trees for the Trace .

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

