

## Official MABA Minutes – June 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at The Welcome Center in Malvern and called to order at 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2013. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Vice President Cheryl Jones, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Patty Beres, Fred Moreau, Amy Smith, Deb Breeding, Linda Marshal, Tom Mulholland, J.B. Dixon, Lisa Dixon, Lori Hunt, Ruby Simms, Ed Mulholland, Bill Gilbert, and MinDee Sommerla.

Minutes were read and approved with changing Ruby Millsap to Ruby Simms donation of pots for nodes with a motion by Deb Breeding and seconded by Amy Smith.

Treasurer's report was given. The amount of \$107.00 was paid for printing of programs for Memorial Day. Motion made to accept the report by Tom Mulholland seconded by MinDee Sommerla.

The Street Nodes projects were updated. Jack May will be doing the project beginning after he is done planting. It was a concern that the planters we were getting was not holding up. It was discussed getting poly planters. The planters should be three feet high and wide. Deb Breeding will check on the internet to see if there are any Do It Yourself projects we could do to make planters. Also discussed was the other nodes are looking bad. Maybe they could be sprayed for grass with a chemical that wouldn't hurt day lilies.

The Malvern Recreational Part Project was updated. Kate Phelps, Jay Burdic, Jeff Anderson and the City Engineer met and discussed a plan for property that will be available for the project. There will be \$70,000 from the Costello Money. Ask entity for \$50,000. The City Engineer is drawing up three plans for three different costs. The Park Board, MABA, and City will be working together on this project.

The swim suits MABA donated for the life guards were discussed. The pool manager was not receptive to this idea. There are many other projects the money could go for. Two suits each were ordered for the guards that did 35 to 40 hours a week. The cost is \$453. The City clerk asked how much the suits cost so she could budget this for next year. What we want to give and what they want could be different we need to remember to ask their ideas first. The suits will belong to the life guards after this season.

The 401 and 403 Main DNR Grants and CDBG updates were given by Bev Dashner. There was a conference call for both grants. They told us how the money will and come and when. There is a process we have to go thru. There will be a meeting at City Hall Tuesday about the DNR Grant. We have a very aggressive schedule we have to stay on for the next 18 months. The CDBG Grant – there is a little concern about how much will be spent on 401 & 403 compared to what would be spent on other buildings. We will know more Tuesday. Haven't got officials notice yet of the CDBG Grant. We know we are getting the DNR Grant.

MinDee Sommerla reported on the Independence Day Celebration plan. Volunteers are needed. Bike & Trike games will be at the High School. Deb Breeding is in charge of this. Eight volunteers will be needed but she will get these. MABA is doing concessions at the Fair Grounds. Shelby Sommerla is coordinating the concession stands. This will be in the Commons area at the fair grounds and the trailer will be at the grandstand area. Dinner will be pork and Beef. Post Prom is helping with Dinner and concessions with a 50 – 50 profit split. Flea market will be in the Commercial Bldg. MABA will have a booth there to sell T Shirts and wristbands or tickets for activities. Volunteers will be needed for this. So far there are nine vendors. Sand Volleyball courts are in bad condition. Softball and baseball teams will be helping take tickets and seeing everyone has a bracelet on at the activities. Wrist bracelets will be \$15 for all day or individual tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each. There will be a live D.J., Bill Whitt from 12:00 to 10:30 p.m. for \$300. Pedal Tractor Pull will be in the Block Building. The charge for this is \$225.00. It was discussed there could be games in front of grandstand and who could do this. Cleanup will be the day after. The Boy Scouts help starting at 9:00 a.m. A sign up Volunteer sheet was passed around.

There was an update on EPA BBQ by J.B. Dixon. The brochures are being finalized. They will be put on the Website with registrations. This can be done on PayPal. Probably will be at least sixteen participating but would like 25 teams. Having pulled pork sandwiches for the supper and sandwiches in the park was discussed. There will be a sign up for volunteers. Sponsorship is \$100 with seat at judges table. Registration is \$60

The En Plein Air plans were discussed. Cheryl is looking for a new judge. Prairie Gators is an option for music. Festival of Tables was discussed.

The Wabash Marathon will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. The water stations will be judged by participants. We are planning on changing the route from the High School. We will get signs up to Welcome and give directions where we are starting. There will be runners' bags so if business want to put coupons or advertising in would be great.

Gateway of Chaos was discussed. Kari Fry will be the director. We will not be able to have it next year at Hillcrest Sales location, and Kari will not be available next year. An application for a credit card to Menards has been sent in. It could be six weeks before we know if we get one. Kari gets paid \$2,000 for being the director. She asked if we could stretch out payments with four \$500 payments in July and August. Next year options of moving the location was discussed. Another option discussed was selling it as one lot.

Whether the air conditioners in the windows at 401 and 403 are safe was discussed.

The Welcome Center Rental Rate was discussed. They want us to pay \$250 a month. A motion to offer to pay \$100 a month was made by Tom Mulholland seconded by Amy Smith. Motion carried.

Our Iowa Contest winner \$100 Malvern Bucks was from Carroll Iowa. Malvern Bucks are not available yet.

We have \$50 from Raffle money for the donated willow chairs.

Next Meeting will be July 14<sup>th</sup>.