

Official MABA Minutes – July 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Library Annex and was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2013. Members in attendance were: President Bev Dashner, Vice President Cheryl Jones, Secretary Diane Clay, Treasurer Patty Beres, Fred Moreau, Amy Smith, Deb Breeding, Kate Phelps, Ruby Simms, Tom Mulholland, Dwain Pelzer, Allen Hall MinDee Sommerla, Shelby Sommerla and Gary Jones.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cheryl Jones and seconded by Amy Smith.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$22,556.45, New recreation project \$29,246.56, Gateway to Chaos \$13,409.35, Malvern Bucks \$110. Independence Day brought in \$23,984.67. Expenses were \$19,322.97. Profit at this time is \$4,662. Post Prom was paid half of the profit from food stand in the amount of \$1,236. Ticket Takers, baseball boys and softball girls were paid \$700. Auto Push ball was paid \$1200. Treasurer's report was approved by Greg Jones, seconded by Deb Breeding. Motion Carried.

MinDee Sommerla reported on the Independence Day and any plans for 2014. Auto Pushball was paid \$200 a Car. Baseball and softball workers were paid 15% of the gate last year which would have been \$842 this year. The parking along the road was discussed. Entrance at the golf course was also discussed. Maybe golfers could pay and get reimbursed when they leave. Maybe law enforcement could be there when the event is over. There were maybe 14 at the Bike activity at the High School. It was suggested maybe it could be a family bike day. The video trailer was great. Also the water activities, pony rides and petting zoo. The Tractor Pedal pull had fifty kids.

In order to get Fireworks and push ball next year Independence Day Celebration needs to be on July 12th. Pros and cons were discussed. If there are fireworks people will come. It needs to be on a Saturday. More people may attend because they won't be doing family activities. Greg Jones made a motion to have the Independence Day Celebration in 2014 on July 12th. Fred Moreau seconded. The motion carried.

Cheryl Jones gave an update on the En Plein Air. Registrations will be on line soon. Plans for the BBQ are being finalized. Will be having the Festival of Tables again but no definite plans have been made yet. Kids' activities in the Park were discussed. The possibility of having street skates was discussed. The music is lined up. Emails have been sent to artists. Need to find a new judge as one is moving. Allen Hall said there will be a \$200 for People's Choice in memory of Joyce Hall. Cheryl will design poster – table tents and bank flyers. Will probably get them out in Mid-August. The kid's art was discussed.

Deb Breeding gave an update on the swim suits for the lifeguards. As it has been 30 days since the swim suits were purchased they can't be returned. Deb is trying to find someone else that could use the swim suits that MABA could donate them to.

An update on 401-403 Main was given by Kate Phelps. Have not had formal notification of the grant we're getting from the government. The government is waiting for money. Right now there is no timeline. The next step will be request for qualifications for architect – city will have to decide which one. Will be at least two months. There are several 30 day waiting periods. Two months DNR grants. There is not much asbestos in 403 but 401 has a lot. Eventually a structural engineer will go in. Nothing can be done to the buildings until the City receives funding from both grants.

The Wabash Marathon will be on September 14th. Last year there were 260 runners. We need more things in the Runner Bags. Businesses can put pen, business cards etc. Let Deb Breeding know by early September if you want something in the Welcome bag. Gateway of Chaos will be doing a water stop. People will be needed at start and cross guards, water stations, between Malvern and Imogene there will be three water stations. Malvern is the start. Runners are here maybe 45 minutes. The route thru town from the High School to the Trace has been figured out. It is changed

from last year. Volunteers needed for early morning. Runners don't need any thing here as for food or water. Next meeting decided how many people needed.

The Malvern Recreation Park Project update was given. It will take 30 to 45 days for the City Engineer to draw up plans. A grant to pay for half of the demolition of the Begbie house is possible. In the process of figuring that out. Options discussed: 1. Make sure City Council is O.K. with plans 2. Mr. Begbie will donate \$10,000 to MABA for a tax write off. The bank will donate another \$10,000 which will make the purchase price approximately \$38,000. MABA could buy the property then do a quit claim deed to the City. Fire Departments still want to us the house for training.

Street Nodes project was reported on by Bev Dashner. Jack May is ready to go. Maybe will start in a week. Will be using Quincy's equipment. A date to do the digging needs to be set. July 25th at 6:30 p.m. was decided to dig out the nodes. What to do with the plants was discussed. The nodes will be cement middles and bricks around the edges.

An update on Gateway to Choas was given. They are going to have a Zombie water station for the Wabash Marathon. They are in the process of recruiting volunteers. Constructions will start on August 4th. On October 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. will be Glenwood Chamber after hours. Two major problems for next year was discussed were discussed: No Building and No director. The option of a haunted Trace was discussed and different locations where the Haunt could be.

Ruby Simms has contacted the Malvern Businesses to explain the Malvern Bucks. It was suggest to have \$5.00 ones or a book like McDonalds with \$1.00 ones. To keep it in front of people it will continue to be in at a glance in the Malvern Leader that they are available. It was discussed if a sign to put in businesses Malvern Bucks accepted here. Cheryl Jones moved to have a small sticker for business to put on their door or windows like MABA Member stickers. MinDee Sommerla seconded. Motion carried.

Location of the Welcome Center was discussed. Bev and Deb will be attending the Community Building Board meeting to see if there is any possibility of using the old City office as the Welcome Center. It will cost \$60 to store the MABA stuff. Tom Mulholland said that MABA was welcome to use the basement of Mulholland's at no cost.

Dave Hoose asked if he could dig down to put something to hold the Festival of Trees Christmas Tree upright. The Park Board needs to O.K. Please tell Dave yes this would be wonderful.

It was discussed the Grant Season is upon us. Are we going to apply for any grants? J.B. Dixon said the sound system at the Independence Day Celebration was a concern. Maybe MABA could talk to Fair Board about Big Speakers – a joint project – for horn speakers to be put at the Fair ground on the big poles. This would make a better experience at the Independence Day Celebration. Maybe this could be a grant. Bev will look into this project.

Greg Jones moved to give The Mills County Fair Board \$250 for the use of the Fair Grounds for the Independence Day Celebration. MinDee Sommerla seconded. The motion carried.

A request for some wrist Bands for the 4-H teen dance was received.

A thank you from the Petting Zoo was received.

It was noted a video team is coming to Malvern to interview Tom Mulholland.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Next meetings will be August 18th and September 8th.