

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 13, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Vice-Chair Mathwich called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Clinton Cole, Mary Anne Mathwich, Sheryl Peterson and Ann Rogge

Absent: Christopher Anderson, Mark Meichtry, Rory Mulligan

Staff Present: Planning & Development Administrator Patricia Diduch.

II. Approval of December 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

At 6:30 pm, Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Ms. Peterson. Minutes approved unanimously, 4-0.

III. Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Jan. 16, 2019 Presentation – Wrap Up Discussion

Ms. Diduch stated she followed up with those who contacted her for the presentation information. Ms. Mathwich gave a summary of the information she learned from Darius. Ms. Mathwich was concerned that no one has used any economic incentives. Mr. Cole replied that he thought it was based on a lot of misinformation about what can and cannot be done to qualify for those incentives.

Ms. Mathwich suggested Darius' presentation be modified to be very Rockton-specific. She then passed out the National Register of Historic Places Inventory's Rockton Historic District map approved in 1978. Ms. Mathwich discussed the different designations within the district as well as the nomination form. She passed out and explained a chart she made regarding eligibility for financial incentives in Rockton. She then described her desire for a visual description or graphic that would help explain the tax freeze program. Mr. Cole expressed appreciation for Ms. Mathwich's efforts.

Ms. Rogge arrived at 6:28 pm.

Ms. Mathwich asked what next steps should be taken from this meeting, and suggested a focus be placed on creating a document that better explains the tax freeze program.

IV. Summer 2019 Walking Tour - Discussion

Ms. Mathwich passed out a color-coded map of greater downtown Rockton. She explained to the new commissioners the success of the 2018 walking tours held during the Rockton River Market.

Ms. Mathwich stated she had permission from Pastor Dan for Old Stone Church to be the meeting point for the 2019 tours. The Commission discussed finding one property for each tour that could be toured on the inside as well as different research sources for interesting information. It was generally agreed that a story or theme needs to be created, similar to the Baby Face Nelson infamy that was a successful draw in 2018. Ms. Diduch stated the Village can provide the tour brochures again this year.

Ms. Rogge suggested having the property owners possibly place different interesting artifacts on the tour so participants do not have to go inside but could view the items and create more tour interest.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

Ms. Mathwich stated she found notecards featuring the 201 W. Main St. building, and Ms. Diduch passed around a thank you card for the Commissioners to sign.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cole. Second by Ms. Peterson. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.