

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Vice-Chair Mathwich called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Clinton Cole, Mary Anne Mathwich, Mark Meichtry (arrived 6:05 pm), Sheryl Peterson and Ann Rogge

Absent: Christopher Anderson and Rory Mulligan

Staff Absent: Planning & Development Administrator Patricia Diduch.

II. Approval of February 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Ms. Rogge. Second by Mr. Cole. Minutes approved unanimously, 4-0.

III. Summer 2019 Walking Tour - Discussion

Ms. Mathwich passed out a draft of the June 19 walking tour. She stated they have permission from the Old Stone Church to use it for tour parking as well as Pastor Dan Herman doing a five-minute tour of the church itself. She asked the Commission if they are in agreement about doing the tours this year. Mr. Meichtry and Mr. Cole stated they would like to do them. Mr. Cole had heard a lot of word of mouth discussion about the tours from people. He said he would contact the property owners he knows about doing tours of the house. Ms. Mathwich also asked that he contact them for further information on the properties. Ms. Rogge volunteered to look on Ancestry.com for further information from the Census records. Mr. Cole made a motion to continue working on the walking tours. Second by Ms. Rogge. A general discussion ensued regarding the overall progress and purpose of the Commission. Mr. Cole expressed his observations that there does not seem to be a lot of support from the Village. Mr. Meichtry added that he thought there would be more progress after one year. Motion approved.

Ms. Mathwich asked if anyone wants to help present the buildings on the tour. Ms. Rogge and Mr. Cole offered to assist. She then added that the focus of this tour is to focus on the National Historic District and spread the word about the financial incentives. Mr. Cole thought this could be misinformation about the incentives, and that there is more flexibility than he thought.

V. Old Business

Ms. Mathwich brought up the National Historic District list of contributing and non-contributing properties to Mr. Meichtry as well as the nomination forms that correspond to the map. Ms. Mathwich

passed out a handout she created to better understand the different statuses and incentives.

Ms. Mathwich then mentioned modifying Darius' presentation to Rockton and then presenting that information to more people in the efforts to get more local landmarks. The discussion then evolved to discussing the assessment freeze program, including that the tax assessment freeze is transferrable to any potential new owners. Mr. Cole brought up discussing the incentives with the Village Board, and Ms. Mathwich mentioned also doing the presentation with the library, Lions Club, and more. Mr. Meichtry then discussed the issue regarding downtown façade grants to historic buildings that are not doing historically sensitive improvements. The old Rockton grade school was then discussed.

VI. New Business

Mr. Cole discussed the communication lines between the Village Board and the Commission as well as getting the presentation before different community groups.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Meichtry. Second by Ms. Peterson. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.