

July 11, 2013 Minutes

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Dwight Foster Library - Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Thursday, July 11, 2013, 6:35 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission President Jill Kessenich.

Also present: Commission members, Tammy Doellstedt, Jim Jorgenson, Jenni Eschner Landowski

Absent: Greg Idzikowski

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of May Minutes – Jenni motion to approve, Jim seconds.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Tammy shared the current report. There is \$575.08 in the Community Foundation Fund account. Balance of \$732.37 in the Premier Bank account. There are two outstanding invoices: Jenni will submit expense for the skateboard stopping devices. \$75 in donation from tours will be deposited into the Premier Bank account.

Old Business

4. Landmarks-
 - a. Water Tower
 1. Tour report: Jim shared that he stayed until 3:30. There were close to 100 people who toured on July 4th. On July 6th there were people waiting at 10:45 to tour and there was a good turnout between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
 2. Tower repair -
 - a. Conor Nelan/Cold Spring still has to install the 4 “Crack-o-meters”.
 - b. Jenni called Isthmus Architecture to inquire about what discussion occurred pertaining to the tank leaking at the time of the Tower restoration. Peter Rott/Isthmus stated that there were some rust issues almost immediately after completion of construction work. There were proposed treatments for the lid on the Water Tower by Millen Roofing (out of Milwaukee). Jenni contacted Millen Roofing and the person involved in the analysis was not in the office. Jenni will call again next week.
 - c. Phil Niemeyer volunteered and took a disc grinder to shave off a portion of the door to help the door to the tank close more tightly.
 - d. The Commission talked about the concept of adding a gutter system on the inside of the tank to help collect and direct incoming rainwater. Jenni will ask Millen Roofing about the gutter idea, as well.

3. Next future tours will be held on Friday, July 26th for a class reunion and August 3rd from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
4. Time frame for tours next year was discussed. Perhaps the time will change to occur from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. More discussion will happen at future meeting.
5. Benches – Jeff Woods has the Skatestopper parts. He may install on his own time.
6. Kiosk – no progress at this time.
7. Trees – Jill purchased the watering bags for the trees outside the Water Tower. Jeff Woods will remind the staff to water them.
8. Locks – Tammy explained that the lock is still problematic. Tammy will call a locksmith to look at the locks for recommendation on how to make it work better.
9. Tammy will help get the State and National Registration plaques placed on the inside of the Tower for people to see.

b. Other

1. Water Works building: Jill will check with Scott Listusky about budget availability. If there is money available, the City said they will rewire the Water Works building and get the lights working.

5. Website – no update. www.fortpreserves.org
6. Market Presence – There is a flyer each week at the Information Booth.
7. Jefferson County HPC News
 - a. The third survey has been completed. Tammy will get a copy.
 - b. The 2nd Annual Mason Jar Jamboree will happen in September.
8. Other: none

New Business

9. The State Historic Preservation Conference this year will be in Wisconsin Rapids on Friday Oct 11th & Saturday October 12th. The HPC will subsidize the fee for any HPC members interested in going. Currently no one can commit to this date, but the Commission will readdress this next month.
10. Other: Hoard Museum is hosting a “research your house history” August 10th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Details at www.hoardmuseum.org Free for members, \$10 non-members.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn Landowski–1st, Jorgenson 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.