

June 13, 2016 Minutes

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Dwight Foster Library - Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Monday June 16, 6:35 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission Co-President Tammy Doellstedt

Also present: Commission members: Jim Jorgenson, Vern Zech

Absent: Jenni Eschner-Landowski, Julia Chady

AGENDA:

1. Approval of May Minutes – Minutes approved as presented.

2. Treasurer's Report –

A. Premier Water Tower Fund \$6,856.93 (Water Tower Tour donations May-\$25, June \$50.25) Reflects payment for roof repairs.

B. Preservation City Budget- \$686.02 Pending: Speaker Fee \$66,(reimburse Tammy Doellstedt) and conference snacks \$???(Julia Chady)

Old Business

3. Landmarks-

A. Water Tower

1. Maintenance-Tammy shared a rough draft of a long term Maintenance plan, and asked for suggestions. This has already been shared with Andy Selle, City Engineer. He will attend our next meeting.

2. There is a broken windowpane, and the windows frames and sills need painting. Volunteers are not allowed to be in the city bucket truck. If the windows could be removed, volunteers could paint them. More follow-up needed.

B. Tour report- June 4 guides, Phil Niemeyer and Steve Tesmer. Despite being rainy, they were busy for the tour requested for August 13, by Shirley Brown and the class of 1966.

C. Conference Recap. May 21st. Commission members hand delivered or mailed over 100 letters and flyers. The conference was advertised on the radio, our Facebook page, www.fortpreserves.org website, flyers sent electronically to all county Historical societies, and to other commissions. The FA Historical Society also put it in their newsletter, which goes out to over 400 members. **Thanks to Jim Jorgenson** for underwriting the cost of the color posters. Several homeowners have called the museum requesting further information. Dave DeSimone gave an excellent talk on preservation in general, and Black Point Estates, in specific. There were 4 commission members present, and 6-8 members of the general public. Jen Davel gave a session on preservation tax credits, and answered questions from homeowners. 8-10 members of the public attended. One member of the Jefferson County HPC was in attendance. Julia gave 3 people a tour of the water tower following the conference. Tammy created a form for intaking calls from homeowners with questions about their historical home, and tax credits. This is in the main office of the museum. Vern has referred 2 homeowners to the State.

D. Water Tower Stair landing painting. Phil Niemyer visited the tower after a recent rainstorm, and noted that there was water on all but one landing. Phil N. and Rich Doellstedt will paint 2 sections of the landings as a trial.

4. Website-www.fortpreserves.org –Received a call from Monroe about their Water Tower preservation efforts. They will try to take a tour of our tower in July. They found us through the website.

5. Applicants for Board position.

Jim Jorgenson’s seat is up in 2019. He would like to leave the board early, and find a replacement for his seat. No candidate has been suggested yet. The board can function with only 4 members, per City Manager. 3 would still be needed for a quorum.

6. Kiosk Poster-Tabled, Chady absent.

7. Ordinance change. Tammy had a brief conversation with Matt Trebatotski and Brian Juarez concerning new state legislation on preservation ordinance. Juarez has offered to come to one of our meeting to further discuss ordinance language.

New Business:

None

Adjournment Motion to adjourn –Zech 1st, Jorgenson 2nd, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. the Dwight Foster Public Library.

Minutes submitted by Tammy Doellstedt.

6/18/2016