

September 12, 2016 Minutes

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Dwight Foster Library - Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Monday September 12, 6:30 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission Co-President Tammy Doellstedt

Also present: Commission members: Vern Zech, Jenni Landowski, Jim Jorgenson

Absent: Julia Chady

AGENDA:

1. Approval of August Minutes – minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report –
 - A. Premier Water Tower Fund - \$6,932.18, pending deposit of \$77.03.
 - B. Preservation City Budget- \$503.09 Pending conference fee for Tammy to attend State Historic conference, \$58.00 and P.O. Box annual fee, \$58.00.

Old Business

3. Local Landmarks-

A. Water Tower

1. Tours report
 - a. September tourist 20-25, donations = \$40.00. Donations from August was \$37, \$10 and \$15 (for 3 tours).
 - b. A photography club from Racine asked to tour with tripods. A private tour would be set up for them, should they choose to visit.
 - c. Vern suggested holding one additional tour during peak leave color time. October 15th is also a walking tour, held by Merrilee Lee. It would be good to do these on the same day.
 - d. Vern is trying to get a news station to come tour the tower.
2. Maintenance plan
 - a. There was discussion about pressure washing the stairs, so that we can determine how much of the rust is on the stairs and how much is coming from the tank above. Commission members will have a cleaning day on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m.
 - b. Jim spoke with Andy Selle regarding grounding of the tower in the event of a lightning storm
 - c. Jenni will contact a masonry contractor to get a quote for potential future tuck pointing, in the event it is needed. This will help for future budgeting.

3. Website-www.fortpreserves.org - no news.

4. Kiosk Poster

- a. In Julia's absence, this item will be tabled until next month.
5. Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 review
- a. Tammy is going to attend the state conference session about creating a historic preservation commission. This will help inform how the changes to legislation affects the Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission.
 - b. Commission members reviewed the ordinance and took comments to review with Brian Juarez at a future meeting.

New Business:

6. State-wide Downtown Open House, May 13th, 2017.
- a. Currently in planning stages, Madison will be hosting a Doors Open Madison event on a Saturday in May 2017. Tammy suggested we could consider hosting something like this in Fort Atkinson, as well.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m. the Dwight Foster Public Library.
Minutes submitted by Jenni Landowski.
10/5/2016