

City of Portage – Historic District Commission
Wednesday, June 3, 2009 – 8:15a.m.
Portage City Hall – Conference Room #2

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Mark Reile.

Members Present: Kathy Fosmoe, Mark Reile, Robert El Henicky, Ann Marie Kreuzer, Jeanette Field, Susan Woerner, Rose Mary Higginbottom, Michelle Dunlap and Amy Noonan, Youth Participant. (Mary Beth Block, Staff Liaison, advised of a schedule conflict.)

Guests Present: Seth Giem, Home Owner

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were approved with two revisions.

Announcements: HDC Account Balance as of June 2, 2009 was \$552.45.

Old Business:

1. Project Leader Reports: None
2. 2009 Home Owner's Gathering: Susan W. will follow up on (45 v. 49) head count discrepancy with the Beacon Club. All agreed it was a good location. Jeanette F. thanked Mark R. for his presentation, requesting he make it a part of the Oral Heritage collection; Michelle D. for introduction of the Bogemas; and acknowledged Mayor Strazdas for presenting their award.
3. Mark R. will make a follow-up call to the Herschleb's (7119 Oakland Drive). Tom Reaume (2106 Forest Drive) has not contacted the committee following proposed improvements he verbalized on May 6th. Jeanette F. provided an outline of the options as discussed at that meeting. Kathy F. reviewed how prospective buyers become aware of the Historic Designation through their real estate agent, tax records and title work.

New Business:

1. Mark R. announced the resignation of HDC member Timothy Bunch to allow for his appointment to the Zoning Board. Tim's enthusiasm, helpfulness and practical knowledge will be greatly missed. The City conducts interviews to fill vacancies each September and January.
2. Plaques for identification of Historic Homes were discussed – size, text, where/how to display, cost, etc., to be continued at the next meeting.

Citizen Comments: None

Member Comments: Applications due June 15, 2009 for Windows Rehabilitation-Preservation Trades Training to be held in Kalamazoo July 6-17th. Rose Mary H. recommended approaching Larry Massie (and wife) for a future presentation. The hurdle continues to be budgetary constraints. If the committee receives an application prior to the next meeting, Mark R. may schedule an optional field trip.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Marie L. Kreuzer

Next Meeting: August 5, 2009, 8:15 a.m. –City Hall Conference Room #2
There will be NO July Meeting