

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Mark Reile.

Members Present: Kathy Fosmoe, Amy Noonan, Mark Reile, Katie vonLonkhuyzen, Michelle Dunlap, Robert El Henicky, Ann Marie Kreuzer and Jeanette Field

Members Absent: Rose Mary Higginbottom and Susan Woerner

Guests Present: Seth Giem, Historic Home Owner

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 7, 2009 meeting approved by consensus.

Announcements: HDC Account Balance as of October 30 was \$662.45.

Old Business:

1. Project Leader Reports:

Archives - No report.

Book Sale - No report.

Community Awareness – No report.

Newsletter – draft/contents fall issued reviewed. Katie will take newsletter photos and updated pictures following the Reaume, Bogema and Beacon Club projects. Jeanette and Ann Marie to be identified as co-secretary. Offering regular features was considered, possibly building on Robert's theme suggestion. Jeanette/any commission member can be contacted for plaque information.

Oral Histories – No report.

Site Inspections – Mark advised the Reaume's (Forest Drive) siding is almost complete (smokey clay), what trim got painted is white, and it will be several more weeks before the (ashlar pattern) stone will be delivered for owner installation. Pebblestone was the original siding choice. A change in vendors necessitated a change to the closest comparable color (sample provided). A look-back discussion followed over the approval for stone siding. Mark's talking points included preservation, restoration or renovation, with the ultimate goal to stop the teardown of historic buildings.

Katie and Mark visited the Herschleb's (Oakland Drive). The bedroom windows vinyl clad outside, wood inside with paint or stain being the owner's option.

Michelle expressed concern for the leaning outbuilding on site #39, 2663 Mandigo Avenue.

A 40 yard dumpster located on the SE corner of Angling and Milham Roads, (3221 West Milham, site #13) caught Jeanette's eye. Mark will look into this and also get a status report on the Cully Gage property.

2. Historic Home Plaques information gathering is on-going. Steve Rossio found 1996 archive information identifying the manufacturer as Whitehall Signs, 8786 Water Street, Montague, MI 49437 (1-800-728-2164). Ann Marie will telephone same and also check back with Mary Beth Block to see what further details she had discovered. Newsletter article/home owner contact reference availability, cost and display of plaques to be determined.

New Business:

1. Following brief discussion, the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Goals and Objectives were approved by consensus as written.
2. Today's meeting started with an enthusiastic and informative half-hour presentation by local historian Steve Rossio in the Heritage Room (lower level, Portage District Library}. He walked the commission through the location of such gems as city directories, red books, plat maps, the Todd photographs, World War II books, display cases, and then invited members to browse, ask questions and return to enjoy all the collection had to offer.

Citizen Comment: Seth Giem advised the work was done on the roof. He was still interested in putting an addition on his barn to store historical vehicles. Mark recalled the concept had been approved in the past, but the commission would need current drawings, etc. through the application process for formal approval.

Member Comments: Although the commission does not usually come together in December, it was felt a brief meeting was needed to discuss the annual event, media relations and plaques.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie L. Kreuzer

Next meeting: December 2, 2009 at 8:15a.m. in City Hall Conference Room #2