

City of Portage – Historic District Commission
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 – 8:15 a.m.
Portage City Hall – Conference Room #2

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Mark Reile.

Members Present: Mark Reile, Kathy Fosmoe, Ann Marie Kreuzer, Jeanette Field, Amy Noonan, Rose Mary Higginbottom, Katie vanLonkhuyzen, Michelle Dunlap and Susan Woerner.

Guests Present: Mary Beth Block, City Staff Liaison and Seth Giem, Historic Home Owner

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 7, 2010 were approved.

Announcements: HDC Account Balance as of May 5, 2010 is \$749.49.

Old Business:

1. Project Leader Reports – none

2. Annual Historic Home Owners Gathering: Mark advised Councilmember Margaret O'Brien will present the award due to a scheduling conflict with Mayor Strazdas. Jeanette extended a thank you to Michelle for organizing the Portage Senior Center Mini Home Tour and to Seth Giem for opening the Train Barn for this event. On the tour, Michelle shared information from our book, supplemented by Jeanette. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Phillips of Vicksburg added their considerable knowledge of area history as the event progressed and Jason Horan, PSC, took pictures. A complimentary copy of *Where the Trails Crossed* was given to participants. The three hour tour was well received followed by dinner at the Beacon Club. The driver was likewise enthused and volunteered to drive for two trips next year.

Michelle reported the results of the tour's vote, which was combined with the single ballot turned in at the City Manager's office at today's meeting. Following discussion, Jerry and Beverly Love, 5029 Angling Road, were chosen to receive the 2010 Preservation Award. Mark will contact the Loves, invite them to attend the Gathering and arrange for the plaque. Ann Marie will advise speaker Linda Whitlock of the commission's choice.

Jeanette contacted Tom Haroldson of the Gazette arranging for an article to run this weekend. Rose Mary will telephone the seniors who participated in the tour, invite them to attend the Gathering and advise of the \$5.00 donation. Jeanette shared selections of a fruit tray, cheese tray and dessert tray from Food Dance at a cost of \$300 for 35 people. She will need a final count no later than Monday afternoon.

Katie, in consultation with Mark, will make a half-sheet program and offered to make a sign. This led to a discussion of a basket for donations, name tags and a sign from last year, which may have been stored in the library's Heritage Room. Mary Beth Block left and returned with books for the Gathering and an offer to provide extra blank name tags as needed. Jeanette will arrange for a bouquet of flowers for the Love's. It was agreed a \$50 gift certificate (Food Dance) together with a thank you card will be given to our speaker, Linda Whitlock. Jeanette and Ann Marie will facilitate same. Mary Beth Block reminded everyone to turn in all receipts to her. Susan shared that recent HDC member Tim Bunch will attend the Gathering and take pictures.

Jeanette and Kathy generated discussion on how to duplicate coverage of our event similar to the May 2nd article by Kathy Jessup relative to the event in the City of Kalamazoo.

New Business: None.

Citizen Comments: Seth Giem advised of woodpecker damage on his barn repaired with 6x6 metal coverings painted red that are not noticeable and an anticipated need to replace 1/3 of the wood within two years.

Member Comments: Mark recommended there be no July meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Marie Kreuzer

Next Meeting: June 2, 2010 at 8:15 a.m., Portage City Hall Conference Room #2