

City of Portage - Historic District Commission
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Portage City Hall – Conference Room #2
Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:20 AM.

Present: K. VanLonkhuyzen, S. Nemeth, F. Grunert, C. Forrest, J. Lotz, E. Eklov, and M. Maytnier

Absent: J. Ebert, R. Randall, J. Duniphin

Corrections to February 3, 2016 minutes.

- Minutes approved with one change.
- The approval application was for the existing pool to be removed not added to the property.

Old Business:

3221 W. Milham/Barn Restoration/Nieuwenhuis

- In response to the phone call from the HDC on December 16, 2015, and a letter that followed up that conversation, Mr. Nieuwenhuis brought in documentation for the questions asked by the HDC.
- Actual photo of barn as is.
- Drawings for proposed replacement barn, which would have a footprint of 24' X 30', 14 ft. less than original footprint.
- Mr. Nieuwenhuis plans to ask ZBA for a variance in the event that he will be able to replace the original barn with a footprint larger than 24' X 30'.
- He will be salvaging the old windows and plans to reuse 4 of them.
- He will also salvage and reuse the diamond shaped vents from the original barn.
- The barn will be traditional barn red with white trim.
- Salvaged siding from the north side of the barn will be used for a new door placed on the north side of the barn.
- HDC has given approval for Mr. Nieuwenhuis to take his proposal to Community Development.

5720 Oakland/Vergunst

- Proposed new barn and pool removal are on the same application.
- Owner to send building samples for new barn.

2663 Mandigo/Kiley

- Code enforcement still in effect.

8007 Cox's Drive/Kasten

- No news.

1521 E. Centre/Davis

- Application for proposed Selinon Park development to be heard at the March 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

Publishing a Newsletter for HDC Community Awareness

- Still under discussion

May HDC Event

May is Preservation Month.

- Do we want to try and hold an event?
- If so what would be possible to do?
- All members are to bring a possible idea to discuss at the April 6, 2016 meeting.

Assignment of HDC properties to monitor postponed to April 6, 2016 meeting.

New Business:

7706 Innisbrook

- A potential buyer has contacted HDC to find out what it means to be the owner of an historic property.

10234 East Shore Train barn restoration/Geim

- City is looking into taking a life interest in the property.
- Major concern is ADA compliance.
- May look into moving the barn across the street and tying it into a proposed bike trail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Deming Maytnier
Secretary