

## **Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission**

### ***HPC Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, May 14, 2019***

Attendees: Bill Bruce, Cathy Kouchich, Bill Flies, Linda Buysee and Lorry Wendland

Guests: Jeneann Oppedahl and Aaron Prebe

The regular meeting of the HPC was called to order at 6 PM. A quorum was present. The April HPC minutes were read and approved.

Jeananne Oppedahl requested HPC approval for a building project at 29040 Van Blarcum Avenue, Frontenac. Plans and information were provided. The HPC unanimously approved the project.

Aaron Prebe requested HPC approval for a building project at his home in Frontenac. Because the plans that were presented were very sparse and his project was still pending with the Planning Commission, no action was taken.

New commission officers were elected for the next year. Bill Bruce was elected Chairman and Secretary, Cathy Kouchich was elected Vice-chairman.

Bill Flies explained the necessity of Florence Township commission members to understand and adhere to the rules set forth in the commission by-laws and ordinances.

### The Frontenac 160th Anniversary Celebration Committee Business

Bill Flies expressed concerns regarding the location of the baseball games and possible interference with other events and suggested that the locations of the Civil War Encampment and the ball game could be swapped. Lorry stated that we can consider that, but we will wait until the event locations are firmly defined.

#### *The May Meeting*

Event participants have been invited to a meeting on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Florence Town Hall. Lorry has also invited them to visit Wakondiotia Park, Frontenac and show them the celebration site at 5 PM.

The plans are to display a map of the event area, showing participants where they will be located and to show them where they may park (Huneke lot). Questions from the event participants will be taken.

#### *The June Meeting*

Florence Township residents will be invited to a meeting on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the Florence Town Hall. Flyers will be created, and hand delivered to Frontenac and Frontenac Station residents and an announcement will be placed in the Lake City Graphic to make people aware of the meeting two weeks prior to the event.

Lorry will send letters to owners of century homes inviting them to the meeting. Century home owners will be presented with a commemorative plaque at the meeting. Linda Buysee has offered to assist home owners to install the signs. The town board will be invited to this meeting.

#### *Event Update*

Lorry provided an update on several of the planned events:

- An art show organized by the Red Wing Arts organization is planned to be held at the Villa Maria.
- The Sheriff's Posse has committed to be part of the celebration.
- No voyager canoe rides will be offered.
- The Red Wing Arts organization may offer events for children.
- Inclusion of the Parks and Trails land is undecided.

#### *Budget Update*

The \$1000 recently received from the Greater Lake City Community Foundation brings the total contributions to \$12,350. The Prairie Island Indian Community has requested additional information before making a contribution. Lorry requested that she be kept up-to-date on expenses.

#### *Volunteer Organization*

Linda Buysee is coordinating volunteer tasks.

#### *frontenac160.com Web Site*

The web site has matured. Bill Flies asked to be updated on event changes so as to keep the web site schedules up-to-date.

#### *Large Event Application*

The large event application for the township is nearly complete. Bill Bruce expressed concerns regarding the requirement for a Bond and how liability insurance will be handled. He will resolve these issues at the next town board meeting.

#### *Electricity at the Ball Park*

A contract with Hart's Electric, Red Wing to install three 240-volt outlets in the ball park shelter will likely be signed by the town board chairman next Monday. The money for this will be deducted from the Parks Commission budget.

#### *Tents*

A 40 x 80 tent and 24 picnic tables have been reserved at Ripley's Rental, Red Wing. No response has been received from the Anderson Center regarding purchase, loan or use of the tents that they have, which once seemed a possibility. Bill Bruce will pursue renting additional 10 x 10 tents for events.

#### *Other*

Bill Flies provided information regarding the commemorative booklet, such as how it will be formatted, what information it will contain and how it will appear on various mobile devices. The information that

will be contained in the booklet is also available at the web site <http://www.frontenactour.com>. Bill encouraged committee members to read and proof the information there.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

Submitted to HPC members by Bill Bruce, 16 May 2019.

Corrections to the minutes from Lorry Wendland:

Correction: minutes said I will inform century building owners.

Emails were sent to all the Century Building Owners on May 1st. inviting them to receive their plaques at the June 13th meeting.