

Historical Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2012

Attendance: Char Henn, Art Hamilton, Kerby Rigelman, Brad Stone Laurie Hodgson

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes of January meeting were approved.

There was no township supervisor present.

There were no DRAs to consider.

A draft of the Park Commission Advisory Committee's Bylaws and Ordinances was introduced. The Advisory Committee is asking for feedback from the HPC on the drafts. It was agreed that the HPC's comments would be submitted by March 6, 2012.

Friends of the Town Hall commented that the Friends will continue after the property is approved to be an Historic District. HPC members invited them to consider filling at least two of the upcoming vacancies on the HPC. Their contribution will be a welcome addition in the HPC's activities.

Given the change of responsibilities and leadership within the HPC we had a lengthy conversation about what our new efforts should focus on.

We discussed:

1. We resolved to reinstate Lilac Day in May given community feedback. It might make sense to combine Lilacs with Preservation Day, and a picnic. Art will contact Joyce Engstrom to facilitate this renaissance.
2. We would like to begin celebrating and raising awareness of our Township's history. We discussed a variety of possibilities like walking tours, and Town Hall gatherings to promote this. There are many historical topics that could be considered like the old bank, airport, creamery, and Old Frontenac sites.
3. We thought the HPC could serve as a 'welcome wagon' to welcome new residents into the township.
4. We also talked about renewing a sense of our Township's sense of community through a variety of functions.
5. We also talked about a new pavilion for Wakandiota Park. It is a beautiful park in a unique historic district of our township ideal for community-wide functions. The park is a central feature of our heritage whose facilities warrant updating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.