

Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair B. Flies called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Flies, Clay Ruggles, Char Henn, Andrea Hamilton, Cory Koplin

Absent: Dan Staker, Joyce Engstrom

Secretary Report: The minutes of the January, 2008 meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: HPC accounts balance is \$560.49
Park accounts balance is \$8,319.63.

Budget: Accepted as presented.

Town Board Meeting: Nothing reported.

Permits:

*Flies reported Tom and Ann Johnson will market their property 'as is', without previously proposed subdivision. Preservation consultant Dan Hoisington and Minnesota Historic Preservation's Michael Koop sent letters recommending the property remain intact. Flies will send letter to Johnson's supporting their plans and will include a copy of the Hoisington recommendation.

*Flies presented plan to demolish Fern Cottage, Chateau Frontenac, to be replaced by a single family dwelling that will closely replicate the street view of original structure. Plans also include three-car detached garage. Permit requested is for new construction to begin April, 2008 and to be completed by September 2008. Motion to approve permit as requested passed, with Flies abstaining.

Committee Reports:

- DRA Follow Up
 - Chateau Frontenac Plat Status; Torrens registration in process
 - Villa Angela Plat Status; still in courts
 - Villa Maria County 2 Property Plat Status; Township approved road.
- Open HPC Seats; no applicants
- This Quiet Dust Book Distribution; none purchased
- Bench Sponsorship; none requested
- Parks Projects
 - Park Survey; Nearly finished, Ballpark infringes private property
 - Park Maintenance Area Groups; no activity (Winter)
 - Valhalla Vistas; ongoing as per approved park plan
 - Wakondiota Status & Plans; awaiting Spring
 - Wakondiota Park Shelter; Solicit ideas from community & professionals
 - Township Newsletter; published in March

New Business:

- Commission Objectives & HPC/Parks Separation; Discussion to continue in March
- Preservation Day; Date, Time, Committee, Agenda to be Finalized in March
- Lilac Distribution; Date, Time, Committee, Agenda to be Finalized in March
- Frontenac Remembered; to be included w/ Preservation Day. Henn will assist.
- 2009 CLG Grant Direction; tabled until historic architect is consulted re: plan.

Adjournment

Next Meeting March 18, 2008

Planned Absences: Hamilton