

HPC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14,2021

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Attendees were Casey Gardner, Joyce Engstrom, Todd Avery and Cathy Kouchich. 6 guests were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the July 13,2021 and August 10,2021 meetings were read and approved

Carole Zelle from Landscape Research LLC was presented as a guest speaker. She is currently working on the CLG grant that was awarded to the HPC. Her presentation outlined the scope of updating the 1973 National Register of Historic Places nomination to bring the context of the historic district up to current standards.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made and approved for a letter that can be signed by all commissions in support of bringing high speed broadband into the township. It is to be sent to state representatives, Goodhue Cty representatives and local internet providers. We will ask Sue to format a formal letter that can then be given to each commission for their signatures and mailed to the proper contacts.

We briefly discussed the community survey that Joyce has been working on. Discussion will continue.

Casey discussed the bench repair that has been completed to the Staker bench. She also attended the park commission meeting to inquire about the bench sponsorship program. The park commission agreed to take the application off of their website for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the park meeting a suggestion was made that the cross on the point be illuminated. A resident there suggested that the issue be addressed with the HPC. The HPC is against the cross being lighted due to the respect for the dark sky environment and the residents of the Chateau Frontenac properties. We feel that the final decision rests with them.

We again addressed my term expiration. According to the HPC ordinance, "Members and ex-officio members will serve without compensation and shall continue to hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified". There has been no successor for the chair position so I will remain as chair until a new member is appointed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.