

Frontenac Township Heritage Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes:
August 16, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Bill Flies, Art Hamilton, Brad Stone, Laurie Hodgson, Kerby Rigelman, Justin Thompson, Char Henn, and Mike Blair.

Minutes from July 19th were approved with one revision in which reference to the generous benefactor of Christ Church was removed to honor the wishes of the donor.

DRA for Chateau Frontenac's plans for Schaller Home were approved. The plans had been previously approved in 2008 by both the HPC and the Town Board.

Bill Flies is working on the application to make the Town Hall and surrounding property a new Historic District. He submitted a Property Description' required in the application and asked the members of the HPC to review the Description and get back to him with comments.

We discussed how the Friends of the Town Hall could join the HPC, a formal commission created by our Certified Local Government, in the event the application for Historic District status is approved.

Commission approved next steps for the HPC to compile the necessary materials and submit the application for the Florence Town Hall Historic District to SHPO.

The Friends of the Town Hall invited the HPC to their annual meeting on October 8th, 2011.

Christ Church reported a delay in the beginning of the work on the church's roof due to weather. Work should begin later this month and Laurie, Brad, and Art will start planning Preservation Day.

The church wants to put up a sign to advertise the Restoration Project that will require a variance from the current sign ordinance. We will review the sign and its placement at our meeting next month.

A motion was made and carried (Art Hamilton abstained from voting) to ask the Sentence to Serve folks to come in the fall and remove Buckthorn in Valhalla Park between Garrard and Lake Avenue, and Burr Oak Street and Wood Street. Clay Ruggles will contact Sentence to Serve to schedule the date.

Bill will contact the Park Supervisor, John Weich, to sweep the boat ramp.

Marcene Anderson reported that her neighbor's fence did not comply with current ordinances for fences. Brad Stone will draft a letter from the HPC to the Town Board that describes the situation and recommends that the fence be brought into compliance with existing ordinances.

Char Henn gave a book report on an historical book written by Charles King entitled, The Colonel's Daughter.

Bill distributed a handout entitled The Killing of James Wells, My Father, written by Philip Wells.

We discussed planting trees this fall with HPC money in the budget for 2011, roadside weeds, and vegetation blocking visibility at intersections in Frontenac. Brad and Bill will tour the town and note dangerous intersections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.