

Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020

Historical Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order 7:05 pm
2. Roll Call: Amber Herrick, Nick Kokotovich, Samantha Chapman, Lisa Wetzen, John Wright, Lauran Howard; City Commission Liaison Bret Scott and City Administration Clerk Kersten Emsley
3. Minutes: Regular Minutes of meeting held January 8, 2020
 - a. Correction: Samantha Chapman's name incorrect in minutes; correction noted; motion to approve: Lisa Wetzen, second; Samantha Chapman
4. Public comments- None
5. Consideration of the Treasurer's Report; January and February 2020; Report attached
 - a. Motion to approve: Nick Kokotovich, second, Amber Herrick; motion passes.
6. Historical Commission Updates:
 - a. Home Tour-Saturday, September 12, 2020
 - i. Co-chairs: Samantha Chapman and Nick Kokotovich and Don Daniels [after meeting, by phone]
 - ii. Booklet- writer, John Wright; production, Nick Kokotovich
 - iii. Afterglow: Lisa Wetzen and Lauran Howard (Lisa also has home on tour)
 - iv. Advertising: Jaclyn Huffman
 - v. Docents- Amber [after meeting since Don Co-chair]
 - vi. Publicity-Samantha Chapman
 - vii. Ticket Sales- The city would like to make sure a member of the commission or a city employee sell the tickets; consensus is that one of us should be there since it is our event.
 - viii. Signs and Banners: John Wright
 - ix. Home Coordinator: Don Daniels
 - x. Homeowner gifts: We will no longer work with the woman who did the rocks last year. We will check to see who does the Beautification

Commission's plaques. All commissioners will check with sources to see what to do with this.

Motion to limit the number of homes and gardens on the tour to six homes and gardens; no more than seven residences of both kinds by Lauran Howard, Second by John Wright.

Discussion: we were stretched thin last year; concern that 5 homes are not enough; Nick worried about a situation in which we would have to turn away someone who wished to be on the tour. Other not so concerned about that. Motion passes 5 to 1.

Amber read a list of the possible homes for the tour. Lisa Wetzen's home is on the tour for sure. Lauran checking on the Fairwood house. Amber read a list of those home we need to check on that are also at the link she sent us which has all of the documents from last year. We will check with Don to see what he knows about the various homes on the list. All should all check the link to see what is there.

List of homes mentioned: 19 Poplar; Lee and Charles, business or garden; 128 Elm Park; 132 Cambridge; 141 Cambridge; Renee and Larry Sharrer, garden only; 4 Oxford; 52 Oakdale. What is status of those? Amber and notes will make sure Don has the list. Save the date in the next *Ridger*.

We must make sure we determine the homeowner's wishes re photos in the homes. Notes in book; at ticket sales.

Thank you to all those who worked on last year's tour will be in the *Ridger*.

b. Museum Staffing:

- i. March 21 Lisa
- ii. April 18 John
- iii. May 16 Lauran

c. Museum Organization

- i. This is coming along. Work done by Erik and Jacklyn on home files allows us to file in those with the items that were scattered in the museum; abstracts of homes have been organized so Don is able to review with

County office to determine which house they belong to; discussion regarding the merits of the grey file cabinet with thin drawers.

- d. Speaker Series- Erik to reach out to EMU Professor Nancy Brek for possible date of August 20 for a talk on historic preservation. Lauran to see if she can talk to us about museum practices; also the speaker from Taming the Chaos.
 - e. *Then and Now* update: Editor, Bret almost finished. Group meeting 3.16 at museum to select art and pictures.
 - f. Pewabic file framing. Lauran proposed framing the centennial file for the museum; motion passed unanimously.
 - g. Historic marker near 4 Ridge Road:
 - i. Marker is not authentic State of MI sign; No one knows where and whence it came; New historic marker about \$3700. Lively discussion ensued regarding replacement of existing marker; Opportunity for an EMU student to prepare the submission to the state for a new marker as a school project so we would not have to do it. Historic commissioners will examine marker and further discussion will continue at a future meeting.
 - h. Website Updates:
 - i. Erik and Nick will work to update the website; city says ok for them to have password and update.
7. City Commission Liaison Report:
- a. Bret reported that it has been a very quiet winter; coming up are infrastructure updates to replace water meters as existing meter batteries are wearing out. Meters will be replaced with smart meters.
 - b. Residents can also look forward to a 20 year long project to replace all lead water pipes to buildings in the city. State wide initiative.
8. Other Business
9. Motion to adjourn at 8:50 by Lisa Wetzen; Second Amber Herrick

Respectfully submitted by John Wright, Recording Secretary