



<b>City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM</b>
<b>City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue</b>

A meeting of the City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") was held at City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN, 46350 on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. ("Local Time"), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

This meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Robert Alt, President.

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Bruce Johnson, Ms. Jo Happel, Ms. Barbara Krieg, Ms. Kelsey Gushrowski, Ms. Cassie Holmquest, and Mr. Robert Alt.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Anna Weissman.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mr. David Heinold and Ms. Deb Parcell.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Bruce Johnson made a motion to **approve the April 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes** and the motion was seconded by Ms. Jo Happel. The motion passed (6-0).

**CLAIMS:** Robert moved the Claims item to the Treasurer's Update.

**HEARING OF VISITORS:** Mark Kurth, 969 S. Forrester Rd., introduced himself as the new President of the People Engaged in Preservation (PEP). He explained that he has restored the Forrester Farm barn and is looking at ways the two organizations can work together.

**COA(s):** None.

**DEMOLITION REPORT:** None.

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT:** Two letters have been sent, need additional nominations. There was discussion regarding the Letters of Support. Robert would like the board to send one per month to homeowners. Deb explained what the board should look for in a historic structure. Any structure that was constructed prior to 1972 would now be considered historic as long as there have been no major alterations that would diminish the historic integrity of the building.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kelsey explained there is a form for submitting invoices for payment. The current HPC account balance is \$715 and \$4,362.14 in a Restricted Fund. She explained that the board will need to look at how much they will need for events and other items. Kelsey read the May 24, 2022 claim docket items for payment. The claims are as follows: Reprographic Arts Inc. for HPC t-shirts, \$82.55; Impressions Last for HPC tablecloth, \$85.00; Hawkins Print Shop for HPC Informational Materials & Letterhead, \$38.70; Hawkins Print Shop for HPC Informational Materials, \$28.00. Ms. Barbara Krieg made a motion to **approve the May 24, 2022 claim docket** and the motion was seconded by Ms. Jo Happel. The motion passed (6-0).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. La Porte Historical Coloring Book Update – Bruce reported that the crossword puzzles and additional written stories about the Three Cypress Trees as well as the Pure Oil Gas Station building are ready for printing. There was consensus that the schools can make copies of the crossword puzzles. Bruce would like to have more publicity for the artist Peggy Michaels. He will set up a book signing event at the La Porte County Historical Society Museum. Barbara mentioned that Fonda Owens has a connection with the Home School Association and needs two copies of the coloring book. The City will need to prepare an invoice for the Library to purchase two coloring books. Jo talked about the Fire Station booth that was held at the Pancake Breakfast last month. Robert talked about having additional booths at the Sunflower Festival, Lake Fest, and the Farmers Market to distribute the 339 coloring books that are available. There was additional discussion regarding the coloring book.
- B. Real Estate Luncheon – Jo provided an update that she and Robert went to the realtor's luncheon and provided information regarding the home designation list and HPC. She mentioned that they also sold 13 of the coloring books at this event.
- C. Indiana Landmarks Workshop – Deb provided an update that she is working on getting a local contractor for the workshop. The demonstrations can be held anywhere and that she is looking for suggestions on topics. The lead time for hosting an event is a couple months. The August/September timeframe is still possible. She gave an example to the board members of a group in South Bend that organizes workshops similar to this type.
- D. Walking Tour with Library – Barbara provided an update that the Library updated the Indiana-Michigan Avenues brochure, but can add additional homes. She mentioned that Mary Hedge is working on developing a walking tour the Thursday before the Sunflower Festival in the afternoon and early evening. The board discussed additional possibilities for walking tours in partnership with the Library and PEP. The board could print signs for the tour with information about the houses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Robert mentioned that he spoke at the City Council meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> about May is Preservation Month and HPC. The presentation was well received by the Councilmembers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

There being no further business, Mr. Bruce Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Jo Happel. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

  
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Historic Preservation Commission President

  
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