



City of La Porte Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Avenue

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, September 17, 2024 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 5:31 PM by Sallie LaRocco, Chair.

Bruce Johnson led the pledge of allegiance along with board members in attendance.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sallie LaRocco, Fonda Owens, Peter Steele, and Bruce Johnson (Advisory Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT: April Hacker, Jeanne Rafaj, and Lexi Blozis.

GUESTS PRESENT: David Heinold and Deb Parcell.

MINUTES: Peter mentioned that the visitors section of the minutes should be changed for Bruce’s comments to the announcements section. A motion was made by Peter Steele to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS (CLAIMS, COAs, Demolition Reports): Deb explained the staff approval COA for 1302 Jackson Street to repaint the front exterior door.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Bruce reported that ten additional coloring books were purchased because of a need to supply extra books to the schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sunflower Fair – Sallie provided an update that she will be able to man the booth from 1 to 4 pm for the afternoon session. David will set up the table, tablecloth, tent, easels, and table layout. Fonda mentioned that she may be able to help in morning depending on other commitments. Peter mentioned he can help from 10 am to 2 pm. April will deliver the craft stuff to City Hall for setup at the booth.
- B. Trick or Treat Event Road Closure – This item was removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Deb mentioned that she will provide the board members with an example of the order form for purchasing plaques. She provided the board members with information that many places give out plaques for any historic home, but they have parameters on which homes qualify for the plaques. Peter mentioned that there will need to be parameters on the wording for plaques. Sallie mentioned that this should be a simple form with name, address of owner, year house was built, original house name, original owner, and the architectural significance to the community.

Bruce mentioned that he needs to leave the meeting for a commemoration event of George Wood Allen at the museum. Bruce reported that \$1,415 was spent to print 512 coloring books for the school distribution. Bruce left the meeting at 5:59 pm.

Bruce and Sallie are attending the Preserving Historic Places Conference later this month in Madison, Indiana.

Deb mentioned that the Hazardous Materials workshop is scheduled for November 9th from 10 am to Noon at the La Porte County Public Library main building in La Porte by Paul Heyden. The workshop will cover lead paint, mold, and asbestos with samples of insulation materials.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Peter Steele to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Fonda Owens. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.



Historic Preservation Commission Chair



Attest