

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**April 3, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

**Vice-Chairman Dave Eisen called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.**

Commission members: Terry DeMaegd, Dave Eisen, Nancy Seidler, and Kate Voelker.

Advisory members: Alan Grzeskowiak, Shirley McAlister, Thomas Morris, and Jason Stoller.

Staff: Christa Hill. Public: Dave Straughn, Andrew Frye.

**There was not a quorum. The following items were discussed.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Historic Districts/Plaques**

Cliff Zenor sent an email about trying to reach Jeff Horvath Masonry, the mason referred by Doug Merritt. Kate Voelker forwarded Sean Mahoney's information to Cliff. Mr. Mahoney has done work for Kate and Jason Stoller.

**B. Public Relations & Community Education**

Alan Gzeskowiak created a Historical Marker Program flyer to help promote the program at events like the Heritage Festival, but also put at the Battell Center and library. It could be modified to use on the website. Kate will proofread.

**C. Staff Notes**

The Street Department forwarded costs for the sign toppers. The blanks cost \$3.03 each, when ordered in 40 piece minimum, and the brackets are \$6.30. How many could we use? Kate Voelker suggested Riviera Place for the street toppers.

Doug Merritt forwarded an email from Scott Franko, who suggested adding neighborhoods to the new wayfinding signs. Maybe the ones just north or south of McKinley on Main Street for Normain Heights.

Alan Gzeskowiak has seen banners on the west side. Doug had previously done research and determined they are more expensive and only last a few years.

Dave Straughn suggested concrete signs, like are in Laing Park. They are old street markers. It is poured concrete with the name stamped into it. Low maintenance.

Kate Voelker has suggested the Oaks as another conservation district. Christa Hill asked if the Oaks has meetings? Kate has talked to Bryan Tanner. We need to determine the boundary.

Christa has researched the legal descriptions along Mishawaka Ave, and there is no subdivision called the Oaks. Kate thinks there are neighborhoods defined in the 1995 survey.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Plaques for Old No. 4 Firehouse**

In Doug Merritt's absence, we will postpone this to the next meeting.

**Promotional Items**

Stephenson Marketing can only hold our quote for two weeks. They will just have to make up new paperwork when we vote on the expense.

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**Landmarking of Signs**

Change to "recognition of signs", move to old business. Dave Eisen asked what happens if the Arby's corporation mandates new signs. Christa Hill went one step into the future. What happens when it's not an Arby's anymore. Each site is only allowed one sign. Dave Straughn suggested asking the Sparks with McDonalds about what happened to the original Golden Arches.

**Historical Marker Application – 834 LWE – Elizabeth Richardson**

The sign shop provided a proof of the sign in the same format as Freddie Fitzsimmons. We found one small typo (misspelling of Mishawaka). Christa Hill will circulate it again to all after that is changed.

When would we like it installed? Pete Dekever originally asked for June 8, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elizabeth Richardson's birthday. Kate Voelker, who is also the homeowner, is not available on June 8. She asked if we could have it after our June meeting? Christa Hill reminded the Commission we voted to move our June meeting to the Indiana Landmarks office for training. According to the Historical Marker Program guidelines, the installation should be in May. We will coordinate the Mayor, Kate and Pete Dekever's schedule and find out when they can have it installed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**934 Homewood**

Christa Hill read an email from Code Enforcement, indicating the City had ordered clean up of brush and tires, but no personal items. The utilities are still on and paid up, so until service is terminated, the house cannot be yellow tagged. Once it is yellow tagged, utilities will not be turned back on until Code Enforcement does an inspection and releases the utilities. Code Enforcement does not do repairs, but will maintain the ground, like cutting grass and removing trash. Dave Straughn suggested Mishawaka High School building trades should get into the repair business.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

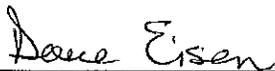
Cliff Zenor also forwarded information about a Historic Home Tour in Grand Rapids, MI on May 19 and 20. [www.heritagehillweb.org/tours-of-heritage-hill/home-tour/](http://www.heritagehillweb.org/tours-of-heritage-hill/home-tour/)

Kate Voelker and Nancy Seidler will attend the State Preservation Conference later this month.

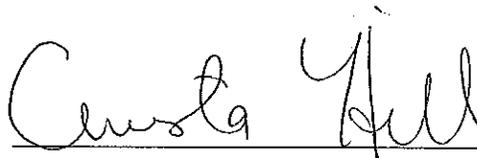
There is a house in Riviera Place having work done on the sunroom and battlements. Christa Hill will drive by to see if it needs a COA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.



Dave Eisen, Vice-Chairman



Christa Hill, Secretary