

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

September 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by acting chairperson Richard Miller.

Present: Carol Crawford-Jones, Marcia Hansen, Roger Mellick, Richard Miller, and Beth Sosidka and Dave Sosidka.

Minutes July 20 minutes were read. Marcia moved to accept the minutes as presented; Dave seconded. Unanimously accepted.

World War I Commemorative Exhibit Report Richard submitted a report with an overview of the exhibit to be held in Gallery 1 of the Red Mill Museum. He stated that the exhibit on Hunterdon County Agriculture would be extended to tie the two together.

The Red Mill Museum is requesting \$700 from our Commission to help fund the exhibit. Commission members present unanimously agreed that we are eager to partner with the Red Mill Museum in creating the World War I Commemorative Exhibit in 2017 and support the request pending council approval. Richard and Roger may attend the Council meeting next week to present this request.

Conservancy The official name is The Clinton Conservancy Gardens. The Conservancy is a 501c3 and is dedicated to beautifying Clinton and plans to have flowers that will attract butterflies.

Resignation Christie Wood submitted her resignation from the Commission. A letter will be sent to her thanking for her service to the Commission.

Eagle Scout Project The proposed project will have kiosks erected in four areas of Clinton for the purpose of giving people information about Clinton. A suggestion will be made to the scoutmaster that our Commission would like to endorse the plans, as the kiosks will be placed in the Historic District.

Marcia brought up the fact that previously, prior to the construction at the Art Center, there was a large, framed, laminated map of Clinton at the end of the Pony Truss Bridge by the Art Center. The sign no longer exists in that position. Beth will ask Public Works about what happened to the sign, as it was very helpful. Perhaps it was stored because of the construction and can be erected.

Nominations for Chairperson Richard nominated Roger for the position of Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson. Carol seconded the motion. Roger accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected. Roger then took charge of the meeting.

Vacant Properties A discussion about the Agway, Wargo, Music Hall, etc., properties ensued. The Council has authorized an investigation into establishing a redevelopment zone to beautify Clinton. Walter Wilson is spearheading the investors' movement and wants to include both a residential and commercial component. Roger presented the report, Preliminary Investigation for Determination of "Non-Condemnation" Area in Need of Redevelopment which was prepared for the Town of Clinton Mayor and Council for the Town of Clinton Land Use Board with assistance from Kyle Planning and Design.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

Adjournment Marcia motioned to adjourn seconded by Richard. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.