

Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

1. Meeting was called to order 7:03 pm by Jessica Herzig, Vice Chair.
2. In attendance: Cathie Gillis, Jessica Herzig, John Horvat, Sandy Johnstone, James Koeppen, Douglas Mooney, Conrad Stack and John Wright. Also in attendance: Darren Humphrey. Missing: Don Hoefler
3. Consideration of March 2, 2016 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by John Wright, second by Conrad Stack.
4. Public Comments – Items not on the Agenda: N/A
5. Treasurer’s report for March 2016 by John Horvat: Revenues: \$0.51; Expenditures: (\$15.21); Ending balance: \$7,740.96. Motion to approve by James Koeppen, second by Cathie Gillis. All in favor.
6. Consideration of the Historical Commission updates:
 - a. Home and Garden Tour
 - i. June 4, 2016 will be the date for the next Pleasant Ridge Home and Garden Tour. We have enough homes and gardens for a tour this year!
 1. 37 Oxford - Home & Garden
 2. 21 Kenberton - Home & Garden (After renovations)
 3. 92 Oakdale - Home & Garden
 4. 17 Oakland Park - Garden
 5. 7 Oakland Park – Home (Before/during renovations)
 6. 2 Kensington - Garden
 7. 5 Kensington - Home & Garden
 8. 57 Maywood - Home & Garden
 - ii. Jessica Herzig will put a post on PR/PR Facebook and list the homes/gardens for this year’s tour to drum up sales.
 - iii. Need an e-mail set up – Historical@PR.org. Darren Humphrey from City Hall will get that for us. ** Don Hoefler added comments ** We have a different email created for us from before and nobody used it. Need to make sure that we use it and that email is checked. Who will be responsible for this?
 - b. Historical Museum Staffing
 - i. Third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
 1. April 16, 2016 John Horvat
 2. May 21, 2016: Doug Mooney and John Wright
 - ii. General museum notes: \$10 donation to email home file. The person holding the museum key should bring it to our monthly meeting and give to the next person opening the museum. The Wednesday prior to the museum opening, have someone do a Facebook post notifying residents when it will be open.

c. Speaker Series

- i. There are no confirmed speakers at this time, so we will not request a date from City Hall. The following are ideas we have been tossing around:
- ii. Don Hoefler and James Koeppen met with Dave and Sandra Smith on Oxford and obtained the remaining videos that aired on the cities government channel. They brought up the subject of the Smith's doing a speaker series and they are thinking it over. Don Hoefler will contact Scott Pietrzak who has the rest of the videos which we believe may have been digitized.
- iii. James Koeppen will reach out to Dan Austin who wrote "Forgotten Landmarks of Detroit" or Gregory C. Piazza who wrote "A History of Detroit Palmer Woods" to see if they have interest.
- iv. There is a strong interest by residents to learn how to research their homes. We discussed doing a field trip to learn ourselves. We would include information on how to research your home through the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library and Oakland County records in Pontiac.
- v. Andrew Mutch writes a blog about southeastern Michigan Sears kit homes. Specific to Pleasant Ridge, he has confirmed two homes are Sears's kit homes. One on Kensington and one on Devonshire. Andrew will be doing a speaker series in Huntington Woods and is willing to also do something in Pleasant Ridge.

7. Consideration of the City Commission Liaison Report: Nothing to report per Darren Humphrey

8. Other Business:

- a. Computer issues with the city owned laptop for Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission use. Can't log on and e-mail files to residences. Wi-Fi in museum rarely works.
- b. Don Hoefler will coordinate a full re-vamp of the Historical Commission website with Scott Pietrzak.
- c. Ferndale Friends magazine wants to do an article about Pleasant Ridge and its history.

9. Adjournment at 7:40 pm. Motion by James Koeppen, second by Cathie Gillis. All in favor.