



The Greensburg Historic Preservation Commission met Wednesday, August 31, 2016
5:30 pm at City Hall, in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Dan Manus started the meeting by swearing in the members. Roll call was taken and the meeting was called to order by Ron May. Ron explained the election process by the ordinance for Historic Preservation. He suggested the officers hold their office 1 year, in this case, until the 1st meeting held in 2017. He explained that once a Chair Person was voted in, they would take over the meeting. The election started with a recommendation for Chair Person. Judy Curd nominated Melody Maxwell for the Chair Person position, Lisa Wheeler 2nd the nomination. After a vote, no one opposed. Melody wasn't present at the meeting so Ron continued the meeting to fill the Vice Chair position.

Chris Harpring nominated Judy Curd for Vice Chair Person and Lisa Wheeler 2nd the nomination. A vote was taken and no one opposed, so Judy Curd is the Vice Chair Person. The meeting was turned over to Judy to continue. The ordinance says a Treasurer is one of the officers and it was discussed if we needed this position filled, since they didn't deal with any money. Judy stated that if we tried for any grants, maybe we would need a Treasurer. Chris Harpring nominated Theresa Schwering for Treasurer, and Judy Curd 2nd the nomination. No one opposed the vote. A secretary was the last office to fill. Chris Harpring volunteered for the position and everyone was in agreement.

Judy Curd asked if there were any corrections or additions to the last meeting minutes and Theresa Schwering said she thought quarterly meetings were discussed at the last meeting. It was so noted and will be added to the minutes. Lisa Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes, and Teresa Schwering 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Ron May suggested they meet the last Wednesday of the last month in each quarter, unless otherwise needed, starting at 5:30. Theresa made a motion to accept the suggestion and Chris Harpring 2nd the motion. Vote was taken and all agreed.

Ron passed out a copy of the ordinance, Guidelines and a map of the Historic area to everyone and suggested they review these to refresh their memories. Judy Curd mentioned an amendment was made to Ordinance 2011-3. Chris Harpring mentioned the line on the map and wasn't sure about Railroad St. Ron said he will review this item.

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The updated COA List was passed out to each member so they could see all that were issued. Ron explained the COA process, and that some can be approved by administration. Theresa Schwering asked if the application is filled out if administration approves the COA. Ron May will draft something so the members will know if it was approved by the administration or committee. Also, an application will always be required. Theresa Schwering asked how long a person has to fill out the application for a COA, and Ron replied 30 days. A representative from the Indiana Landmarks gave an update and explained what was involved in helping Greensburg. He also reiterated that 30 days is the amount of time given to fill out the paperwork. He also offered his help to the committee if they need any help, please feel free to contact him.

The next item on the agenda was the front of the building that Tebbe Law Office is located. It was explained no COA was filled out and the alterations completed do not follow the guidelines of the Historic Preservation. Ron May showed before and after pictures, but mentioned a door has also been put up since the pictures were taken. A recommendation was made to meet with the property owner and see if a solution can be reached.

The representative from the Indiana Landmark Group suggested that if he could go back to the original state, and then go forward correctly, it would not set a precedence for other businesses to go against the Historic Preservation. The person should have accountability and be respectful regarding the Historic Society mission. Judy Curd recommended having a meeting next month and invite the property owner to work out a solution. Teresa Schwering made a motion to send an invitation to Tebbe Law Group and Chris Harpring 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and all agreed. Ron will send a notice to the property owner, asking him to attend the next meeting in order to find a solution.

Ron May gave a presentation regarding the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act/Americans with Disabilities Act. He explained we get Federal Funds, what this entails and how we are connected.

Mayor Dan Manus concluded the meeting by saying this is the 1st step to help history and businesses. We are meeting in the Council Chambers to have formal meetings and also can record audio.

Chris Harpring made a motion to adjourn, with Theresa Schwering 2nd. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.