

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**April 2, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Tuesday, April 2 2019, in Room 205 at City Hall, 600 E. Third St., Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Chairman Doug Merritt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.**

Commission members present: Mike Bultinck, Terry DeMaegd, Dave Eisen, Doug Merritt, Nancy Seidler, Faye Sullivan, and Kate Voelker.

Advisory members present: Matthew Crawford, Alan Grzeskowiak, Tom Morris, and Jason Stoller.

Staff: Christa Hill.

Public: Dave Straughn, Bryan Tanner, At-Large Councilman

A motion for the approval of the March 5, 2019 minutes was made by Kate Voelker; seconded by Dave Eisen.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Historic Districts/Plaques**

Christa Hill delivered the plaque for the Ellis Schindler House (Dr. Wheel's office) to Tom Morris and Jason Stoller who will install when schedules match.

Kate Voelker asked about the boarded-up window. Both Christa and Tom were able to get ahold of the office, so they are still running their business there. Christa will check with Code Enforcement about the board.

**B. Public Relations & Community Education**

None at this time.

**C. Staff Notes**

Christa letter for sign month personalized. Doug and Kate agreed good idea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Edgewater Drive Historic District Committee**

Alan Grzeskowiak is working on guidelines to have first draft ready for committee. Doug Merritt brought up a question raised by the committee about boathouses. HPC would have a say so, but other agencies like DNR, FEMA, etc. would have regulations long before it gets to the HPC. The DNR takes a long time to get through. Matt Crawford mentioned the view from the south side of the river. Some of what has been done was done without permits.

Kate: Date? Alan: Originally April 18, but that is Easter week. Settled on April 29 or 30.

Edgewater District changes by hand so you could see what was there before.

Still questions about how will the Riverwalk affect Edgewater? Parks Master Plan.

**Street Topper Design**

Scott Franko provided revised plan. Colors provided in format without translation. New, block font. Request to change color of font. Found Riviera is misspelled. Kate Voelker wants to see proofs. Also received revised invoice for additional \$75. Professional service agreement went through Board of Public Works. Doug Merritt asked about mock-up at Central Services. Christa Hill reported Central Services don't have the right brackets.

Kate Voelker made a motion to create the paperwork to order brackets, seconded by Dave Eisen.

Kate Voelker made a motion to approve the revised invoice, seconded by Mike Bultinck.

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An update on our finances: Started with \$973, just spent \$525. \$450 balance, but outstanding invoice \$125 Michiana Signs and Lighting (plaque Eberhart Major House). Should we put a limit on the time the P.O. is good for? Doug will reach out to send an invoice or as a donation. The brackets will also come out of the \$275 balance.

Kate asked if this is all the money we have for 2019? Christa Hill clarified this is all the money we have. We don't have a budget, this money is from gym floor pieces or donations, for example both Eagle Scouts provided large donations.

**Bethel College**

Doug Merritt appreciated the welcome we received at Bethel, including the gift of the book. He went back and walked the entire campus. The Barn on its own isn't significant on its own, but combine it with the admin building, and gymnasium.

Kate Voelker asked if we are considering marker or designation.

Doug wants to discuss with Bethel where the sign would be. Public vs. private.

Alan Grzeskowiak will set up a meeting with Bethel.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Indiana Landmarks suggested changes to 1995 Survey (Edgewater only)**

Addressed during Edgewater conversation. Kate Voelker can't believe how many are wrong. Faye Sullivan says her house is also incorrect in the book. Ken Prince has asked for ballpark price for a new survey to be done with the 2020 budget.

**Parks Department Events (including Heritage Festival)**

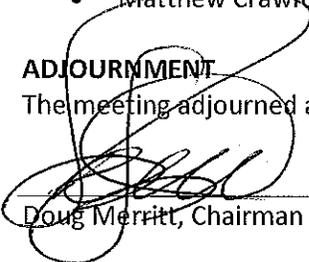
Rename Heritage Festival. We still have cups. Alan Grzeskowiak found the idea of the color contest. Buildings people can identify. Beiger Mansion, Will's Clock. Main Jr. High. Win a piece of a gym floor.

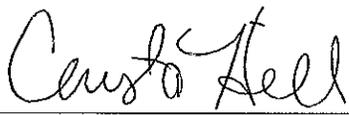
**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

- Kate Voelker reported the Pat Myers property on Homewood has been purchased by TW Construction. Taken out 20 dumpsters.
- The Mayor mentioned virtual reality tours at the State of the city. Partnership with Mishawaka High School. Phil Blasko is heading it up.
- Faye Sullivan, condition of house at northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cedar. Code Enforcement.
- Nancy Seidler heard work going on at the 100 Center. Christa Hill sat in on the Code Hearing. 100 Center has submitted plans to the State. Putting a hallway in and 4 different tenant spaces inside.
- Matthew Crawford expressed an interest in the Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.

  
Doug Merritt, Chairman



Christa Hill, Secretary