

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF AUGUST 1, 2011 MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Wood at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room 108 of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Ken Wood, Chairperson; Carl Scott, Vice Chairperson; Alderman Dave LaFontaine; Ken Bargender; Bill Penker; and David Korth.

ABSENT:

ALSO

PRESENT: Keith Meacham; Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director; Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator.

Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2011 Meeting.

HP11-34 Minutes of the 7/11/2011 meeting approved without objection.

Citizen Comments.

Korth stated that the Civil War grave is looking doing very well and has flowers. Miller brought copies of the Wisconsin Landmarks Newsletter and updates from the North Wood County Historical Society News and Upham Mansion Schedule of Events. Miller also mentioned that the fair is coming up and that the Committee may want join the North Wood County Historical Society at their booth. Wood will talk to Tom Ptak. Also, the Library will have their meeting in November where other committees throughout the community share what they do and that the Committee may want to plan on being a part of that opportunity. Wood also mentioned that the Public Library needs additional walking tour brochures.

Update of the 2442 Steam Locomotive Condition.

Miller showed pictures of the locomotive in Stevens Point. Wood commented that a fiberglass sign may be substituted in place of a bronze plaque. Keith Meacham was in attendance and listed the communities in Wisconsin that also had locomotive engines. Korth asked if it would be better to expand the roof cover to keep the weather out.

Meacham was asked if the fence could be removed and he said that vandalism has shown up where there is no fence protecting the structure. Ed Englehart said the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance, but did not feel it was responsible for new renovation projects. Bargender asked if the barbed wire could be removed and Englehart didn't see a problem with it, and would bring it up to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee if the Historic Preservation Committee felt that it should be removed.

HP11-35 Motion by Scott, second by Penker to recommend to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee that the barbed wire portion on top of the fence be removed around the enclosure.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried.

Korth also was in favor of adding some more security measures such as lighting.

The Committee discussed getting a reproduction photo of the engine and include that, along with some interpretive signage around the engine. In the past there was a plan to have a path around the engine. A

path, or possibly some decorative rocks may help keep people from getting through the fence. Scott suggested there may be an opportunity for a public-private partnership to help pay for some of these projects. Englehart felt the maintenance would be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department, but restoration efforts should be from private groups. Fixing the roof of the shelter could take some time as the budget is being cut and there are other priorities right now.

Bargender added that he feels the engine would be a good tie-in to Hub City Days. Penker asked Englehart about how much of the new proposed Wildwood-McMillan trail follows the old Marshfield-Texas line and if there would be a way to promote the engine with a walking event. Englehart said that the current route is close to the old line, but that may change. They are looking at 2013 for the construction of the trail.

Meacham will see if he can find a decent estimate on roof repairs to the shelter and engine. Korth suggested the roof be expended 3-feet on all sides to provide additional protection against the elements.

Update on Plaques for Edward Jones Building.

Miller explained that he spoke to Brian Hopperdietzel at Marshfield Monument about affixing the plaque to the outside of the Edward Jones Building located at 554 S Central Ave. Mr. Hopperdietzel was going to look into a way to install the plaque with as little impact to the façade of the building as possible as well as provide a cost estimate for the installation. Once that information is available, Miller will bring it before the Committee.

Update and Discussion of Buildings of Historical Interest List.

Miller asked the Committee about paring down the list. Scott asked Englehart if he would ask the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee if they would be friendly to having the Oak Avenue Center placed on the National Register of Historic Places. If so, the Historic Preservation Committee may want to consider budgeting for the survey and history of the building in 2013.

Penker asked if the Hartl Manor could be removed from the list as there are orders to raze the buildings. Korth suggested that each member bring a top ten list of the properties they feel have the most historic interest to the next meeting.

Update on 2012 Historic Preservation Fall Conference.

Miller handed out the convention registration packet to those that plan on attending the conference.

Set Meeting Date and Future Agenda Items.

The next regular Historic Preservation Committee meeting will take place on Monday, September 12, 2011. The agenda should include approval of the August 1, 2011 meeting minutes, update on 2442 Steam Locomotive, update on the Edward Jones plaque, discussion of the Oak Avenue Center regarding the National Register of Historic Places, update on 2011 Budget, discussion of the November Community meeting at the Library, top ten list of properties of historical interest, and October meeting date.

Adjourn.

Motion by Alderman LaFontaine, second by Penker to adjourn meeting at 4:55 P.M.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator