

Historic Character Preservation & Standards Minutes

Date: May 27, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present: Lois Braatz, Doug Cannon, Kathy Kniola, Jenifer Wilson, Michael Hazen, Karl Krizmanek

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM

Lois provided an update on beautification and the committee discussed funding resources for the Town Hall Spruce Up. Lois plans to present the ideas at the next Town Council Meeting on June 7th.

Judy was absent so no updates from the Historical Society

Michael Hazen represented ODHA and provided the following updates:

- Over the past year the Home Association repaved Nelson Reck basketball and pickleball courts for the community
- The new benches at Kratz have been installed and have received positive comments from committee and the community
- Membership results in funding of \$20-30k annually; however, only 50% of residents join ODHA each year. Efforts are underway to increase or even mandate membership which could increase the funding to a full \$60k per year.
- ODHA owns Nelson, Kratz, the property adjacent to pollywog pond and all accessways and has jurisdiction over these parcels, verified by Town Council member Doug Cannon.
- View all properties as sacred trust because donated and view role as stewards of these properties and see ODHA as having final jurisdiction over them
- Nice message from soccer program recently – finest in NW Indiana
- Accomplishing lots of great things with limited budget
- Summer camps had robust signups this year
- Committed to getting accessways open with safety for the summer
- Jen asked about continuity practices within ODHA leadership and discussed the benches in the context of the HCPS standards.
- Michael reiterated the HCPS is welcome at any ODHA meeting.

Doug provided updates on behalf of Town Council

- Doug discussed redesigning town hall for a long-term solution to enhance the beauty of the entrance to Town. He is working with planning commission to approve the redirection of traffic to the east side of the building. Jen asked if the plan will be brought to HCPS for review and Doug agreed it would.
- Jen asked to clarify the TC role with ODHA and Doug suggested that consensus is the only

Old business discussed included:

- ODHA representation will be handled by Michael until he can identify someone else
- Hillcrest paving is completed

- Post Placement on Hillcrest will begin in June. Webber agreed to find the labor and Kathy will call 811. Doug and Jen have two-sided levels. Jen indicated copper needed to paint the top cut.
- Women's Club Welcome Sign-Lois indicated that the sign can be picked out. Awaiting an amount they wish to donate.
- Community Fund Applications – Awaiting approval by Town Council
- Meetings with Stakeholders-Kathy will get on ODHA agenda

New business included:

- Additional Focus for 2021- Jen will present to Park Department

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.