

Lisbon Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
August 10, 2023

Present: Rebecca Hess, Marc Mohn, Amelia Kibbie. **Absent:** Ann Opatz. **Guest:** Council Liaison John Bardsley. Opatz sent updates in writing in her absence.

Called to order at 4:40 p.m.

Agenda approval: Motion by Mohn. 2nd by Kibbie. Vote 3:0. Passed

Minutes approval: Motion by Hess. 2nd by Mohn. Vote 3:0. Passed.

Volunteer hours were submitted for the month of July.

Updates:

Still looking for a new commission member. Opatz suggested Tyler Owens.

Expecting to hear from Linn Co HPC about a set date for installing the Lincoln Highway kiosk.

Mohn will help Hess to get final measurements for the downtown Historic District signs so Rickard Sign and Design can complete them.

Opatz reported all is set to go for the Bite of History event on September 26 with the History Center of Cedar Rapids.

Kibbie announced 5-8 people are planning to attend her tour of the downtown historic district during Sauerkraut Days and 28 people have said they are interested.

Hess reported no progress on the Photo Op.

Opatz reported she continues to work on Google Drive issues.

Pleasant Grove Heritage Park: Opatz reported the MOU has been approved. She and Kibbie will work together on a news release.

Opatz reported the Tree Board approved the naming of the park and the Parks and Rec Board will take action at its Aug 9th meeting. The recommendation then goes to the council at its August 14th meeting.

Meyers Farmstead Historic District: We are applying for the Linn County Economic and Community Development Grant for half of the funding needed for the cost of preservation plans for the barns.

Hess reported no progress in consulting with the state office regarding installation of walking paths in the Historic District.

Opatz reported Curt Blinks last invoiced the city in October 2022. There is approximately \$22,350.00 in unspent insurance money set aside for stabilization. Discussion followed regarding the use of these funds and the possibility that Brian Blinks, now working part time for the City, could possibly be able to run the City-owned lift to repair the metal roof damage on the hog house/corncrib with the help of Curt Blinks.

Mohn reported he continues to take photos of anything happening in the area of the park.

Opatz reported on the Iowa Voices Project. She is working with Marriam Johnston on her narrative.

Discussed the handling and recording of donated items to be displayed and around the barns. The general consensus is we should work with Silos & Smokestacks on this as they may have resources for us.

Training:

All Commissioners will attend the Summer Short Course offered by NAPC except Kibbie who will not be able to attend as school will be back in session that week. Hess will work with City Hall to register and pay the \$50.00 fee per attendee.

Other business:

Mohn reported Chris Davis has a table from the old funeral home located at 414 North Jackson and wants to know if we have a need for it.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted:

Rebecca Hess (In absence of Ann Opatz)

Signed: _____

Chair Rebecca Hess