



Westfield Historical Commission

Minutes for September 19, 2016

Westfield City Hall / Room 202E

Present: Kate Deviny, Carly Bannish, Cindy Gaylord, Walt Fogg, Danny Nason, Ellen McEwan, Amanda Goodheart

Public participation:

- Carol Martin: Westfield Whip Manufacturing Company- Update on Westfield Musuem Inc. funding. There is funding being sought for handicap accessibility and interior restrooms. She hopes also to rebuild the employee entrance and the elevator. Exterior work is complete. She will come before the Commission with a formal plan in the near future.

Secretary's Report:

Amanda moved to accept the secretary's report.

Kate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mailings:

- We received a check from G.M. Charest for the Old Schoolhouse. Walt will send a thank you note and deposit the check with the city.

Old Business:

- Ghost Tours: 5:30/8:30 tickets still available for both nights at the library. Dress rehearsal is this Sunday at 5:00. All hands on deck for next weekend. All Commissioners should be at the OBG at 5:00 each night.
- Atwater Mansion: WHC will certainly deem it historic.
- Digitizing City Pictures from the Engineering Department: Tabled until next month.
- Wyben Schoolhouse Update: Cindy has received the paid receipt for the restored stove. Walt reported the WG&E had offered to store the parlor stove in their warehouse until the schoolhouse was ready to accept it. They stipulated that we would have to provide them with a release of all liability, however. The commissioners discussed this suggestion and agreed that the stove should be returned to its original location. Walt is in the process of making those arrangements with Scott Dunkin, the volunteer that originally delivered the stove to the Good Time Stove Company in Goshen.

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- OBG Gate: Danny is waiting to hear back from the Blue Ribbon Welding owner regarding the date for the repair to the gate.
- Irving Slavid: Will begin the next phase of restoration of stones in the OBG the first week of October.
- General Shepard Brass Sign on Treebelt: Walt has put a call in to Don Humason to see if there is a template for Massachusetts roadside signs. He has discovered many choices available to us. Walt will check with Mark Cressotti to see where the Gaslight District signs were purchased.
- Update on Library Sign-Out Sheet for OBG: Kate has reworded the sign-out sheet to include a cemetery etiquette clause.

New Business:

- Preservation Award: Applications must be in by October 1, 2016. Please encourage people to apply. Notice has been in the Westfield News. Patrick Berry would like to nominate the home (circa 1700s) of Bob Plasse and James Homan on West Silver Street.
- Columbia Bicycle Donation: Alan Van Tassel would be willing to donate a 1976 Columbia bike. The Westfield Athenaeum would be happy to accept this donation.
- Delta Kappa Gamma: Cindy and Carly will present the WHC's projects to this educational sorority on October 6th.
- Treasurer: We addressed the need for a treasurer for the WHC. Tabled for next month.

Kate moved to adjourn. Amanda seconded the motion. Motion passed. We adjourned at 8:30 PM. Our next meeting is Monday, October 24, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Bannish, Secretary