



Minutes

**Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday, October 2, 2014 – 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190**

Call to Order

- Call to Order and roll call
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kienbaum at 6:10 PM.
Present: Ken Kienbaum, Suzanne Haeslow, Pat Blackmer, Richard Helmick
Absent: Sarah Bregant, Suzanne Popke, Alan Marshall
Staff present: Alan Lockett
Guests: Charlette Haeslow
- Introduce Pat Blackmer
New Landmarks Commissioner, Pat Blackmer, was introduced to the committee and welcomed.
- Approval of Agenda
MSC Haeslow/Blackmer to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: Kienbaum, Marshall, Haeslow, Blackmer, Helmick
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2014
This item needed to be tabled until the next regular meeting. There are not enough members present tonight that were also present at the meeting on September 4.
- Set date and time of next meeting – Thursday, November 6, 2014 - 6:00 PM
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the city manager's conference room.
- Hear Citizen Comments: No formal Landmarks Commission Action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Commission discusses that particular item.
There were no citizen comments.

Reports

- Friends of the Mounds (Helmick)
A tour of the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve is scheduled for October 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM. An informational talk describing the preserve is scheduled to be given at the Fort Atkinson Hoard Historical Museum on October 16, at 1:00 PM.
- Historical Society (Marshall)
No report.
- Birge Fountain (Kienbaum)
The fountain will be repainted when it is turned off for the season. The parts that will be painted are those that are brown: the stem and the holding pools.

Luckett requested a replacement for the existing surveillance, video camera last May. It still has not been done. Alan would like this request to be brought back to the Birge Fountain Committee for approval. Additionally, the lights in the lower pool continue to fail.

MSC Helmick/Blackmer to have Kienbaum request a meeting and place the surveillance camera item on the agenda.

Ayes: Kienbaum, Haeslow, Blackmer, Helmick

Nays: None

Abstain: None

- **Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Maintenance (Helmick)**

A FOTEM member forwarded a news article critical of the general maintenance of the Preserve (attached to packet). Additionally, it has been reported that a large, oak tree in the Preserve has split with half of the tree lying on the ground. Additionally, there are a number of dead branches still on their tree that could possibly fall, presenting a safety problem. The trails are still not being mowed correctly. Luckett suggested that the GIS staff person for the city be contacted and a trail be mapped that the mowers can use.

- **Animal Control at Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve (Helmick)**

As a follow up to previous conversations, an email was sent to the director of Whitewater's Parks and Recreation outlining steps given by the WI State Historical Society to repair animal damage to the mound in question. At present, there are three animal burrows. Two are near, but not adjacent to a mound. One is along the edge of the mound. Helmick will contact the Park & Rec. director again for more information.

Unfinished Business

- **Plaques for Landmarks (Popke)**

Luckett said that the council approved purchase of the plaques. Letters have been sent to the property owners. The next step is to have the artist bring a sample of her work to the commission. Then she will need to discuss color and design features with individual plaques with property owners.

- **Budget – Present budget \$1600**

Luckett has been talking with the city manager and treasurer regarding a budget for the commission. It may be that keeping funding in the contingency fund would be preferable. At this time, there will be no separate budget for the commission.

- **Water tower - Landmarks Status (Haeslow)**

Haeslow had trouble getting a proper application form. She requested that the form and others be placed on the web site. She presented information she has researched so far.

- **Old Armory – Landmarks Status (Helmick)**

Helmick distributed the information he had collected. Discussion ensued.

New Business

- **Fundraising – looking for people to do it.**

Tabled for the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Application forms on the web site.

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No report.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Helmick, Secretary, Landmarks Commission