

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ALTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bader, Mary Anderson, Matt Asselmeier, Monica Mason, Diane Plummer

ABSENT: Jonas Janek

Others: Matt Bivens, Lafser & Associates and Debbie Beck, Secretary

The meeting of the Alton Historical Commission was called to order by Chairman Doug Bader on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:02 p.m.

After reading the minutes of April 7, 2015, Doug Bader made a correction to the minutes. Bader suggested the words dark gray be removed from the "motion to accept" for 821 Alby. Mary Anderson moved to accept the amended minutes for April 7, 2015. Monica Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS:

There were no applications to be presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

IHPA GRANT

Matt Bivens, Historic Preservation Director for Lafser & Associates, took the floor. His company was contracted for the work for the IHPA Grant for re-mapping and re-inventorying of the Middletown Historic District. Bivens then explained his project timeline/payment schedule for this project. Bivens stated that the primary scope of the grant is to re-map and re-inventory the existing district. However, if there is time, he will look at the boundaries, with the intention of expanding the boundaries to add more properties to the district. Bivens stated that halfway through the timeline, a public meeting should take place. He stated that this meeting should coincide with an important date or event in the city. He stated that he will periodically e-mail the commission with the progress of his work. Bivens stated that he will make an inventory sheet of each building, with a thumbnail photo of the building at the bottom of the sheet. He stated that the city's CD will be in color, but the IHPA's will be in black and white. Bivens stated that the maps would be paper and digital. He stated that the final revision, due by September 30, 2016, will contain approximately 30 photos. It was discussed as a possibility of Bivens being given a tour of the district during the day. Doug Bader stated that the last time this district was inventoried was in 1977 and since that time several building have been lost due to fire, demos and the ravages of time and neglect. He stated that two good resources for information on the historic buildings are Hayner Library and the Alton Township. Bader also noted that Amy Meyers, Recorder of Deeds for Madison County had located the original plat that was laid out by Rufus Easton and it is on display at City Hall.

CLG 2014 REPORT

Matt Asselmeier presented the draft for the CLG Report. This report is for the calendar year of 1/1/14 to 12/31/14. After reviewing the report it was found that there were additions to be made for the commissioners' activities and attendance. It was stated after those additions were added, the report would be finalized.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SEMINAR

Matt Asselmeier gave a report on the Energy Efficiency Seminar which was held on April 16, 2015. He stated that there was 14 attendees at the afternoon portion and 54 attendees at the evening portion.

AWARDS

A discussion then ensued pertaining to the category nominations for the awards. Commissioners stated they would take pictures of the houses that were nominated, so everyone would be able to have a visual of each of the dwellings. The commission then discussed the award certificates and a possibility of recognition letters for all the dwellings in the categories that did not win.

There being no further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck
Secretary