

Historic Preservation Commission

Town of Greenville, Indiana

Town Hall

January 18, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Matt Uhl
Kim Hardin
Shelly Hartfield
Andy Lemon

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the October 2017 meeting were approved with a motion by Andy Lemon and a second by Matt Uhl. The motion passed 4-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Horseshoe Foundation Grant

The Commission discussed the status of the Horseshoe Foundation Grant. Andy Lemon advised that he was 65% complete with the application process and plans to finalize the submission within the next couple of weeks. The Commission discussed the possibility of the Horseshoe Foundation requesting a meeting or even a site visit. Additional discussion was on the significant dates regarding the Horseshoe Foundation Grant and establishing a plan to utilize any money that may be left over from the grant. As part of possible resolutions for the plan, the Commission discussed recreating an original Greenville Flag and/or a display case for historic items at Greenville Elementary. Chairman Uhl said the Greenville Flag is a cultural landmark and should be used as part of the Floyd County bicentennial celebration.

b. The Station Building – Library Research

The Commission discussed that they were able to identify the true owner of the Stage Coach Trust Company. Andy Lemon was able to identify the owner via GIS and other public information. Matt Uhl said he would reach out to the owner. The Commission needs to make contact with the landowner to receive permission to restore the Champion mural.

c. Update on Ephraim Girdner

Andy Lemon advised that he reached out to Emory University (Atlanta, GA) and that he was able to work out an inter-library loan between Indiana University Southeast (IUS) and Emory University. The microfilm was at IUS for one month. Councilman Lemon was able to acquire several pictures, poems, military documents, and also letters. However, he said the collections is very large and he was not able to dedicate sufficient amount of time to the project. Councilman Lemon suggested asking Emory University to make a copy of the microfilm or having them do another inter-library loan later this year. Councilman Lemon shared with the commission pictures and documents from the collection.

d. Floyd County Bicentennial - 2019

The Commission revisited documents from the NAFC Library regarding the Bicentennial. Matt Uhl said he would contact Carl Kramer who is supposedly authoring a book for the Floyd County Bicentennial. Shelly Hartfield said she would like to begin meeting monthly to review items for the Greenville Elementary photo collage. Additionally, Commission Member Hartfield brought in a historic document produced by Greenville Elementary circa 2001. Hartfield is planning on scanning the document and distributing it to the Commission.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cross Street Update & the Naming of John Baptiste Ford Drive

Andy Lemon discussed the Cross Street project. Councilman Lemon also discussed the naming of John Baptiste Ford Drive and its benefit not only for historical significance but also for the financial impact it will have on the Town. Additionally, Lemon discussed the property for sale at HWY 150 and Voyles Road which was the location of Andrew Mundell's old cabin.

b. NAFC Library in Galena

Chairman Uhl discussed the library is working on establishing a satellite branch in Galena. Uhl discussed the possibility of working with the library to display historic items, framed pictures, or even working with them to establish historic timelines of places in Galena such as the house the library is renovating or the old mill there in town. Several possibilities exist where the Commission can utilize the location to add history to the area.

c. Historic Archiving Plan

The Commission discussed current ongoing projects such as the Girdner Collection, the work being conducted on the GVFD, and the photos from Greenville Elementary School. Discussion centered around the best way to archive photos. The Commission discussed using the Girdner research to seek out additional photo collections in the community, possibly by publishing an article regarding Girdner. Councilman Lemon mentioned that Greenville has one of the best website displays of any Historic Preservation Commission in the State and asked for the Commission to continue to come up with creative ideas to utilize the Town's website to highlight Greenville's history. Lemon mentioned the positive feedback he has received regarding the Commission's display on the Town website and he has also monitored the website traffic utilizing Google Analytics and a large percentage of the traffic is utilizing the Commission's online historic documents and photographs.

NEXT MEETING – April 19, 2018

Note: *The Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County began accepting applications for the Spring 2018 Grant Application on December 14, 2017. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2018. The Foundation Grants Committee members will talk to or meet with grant applicants, in some instances, they will request to conduct a site visit. The Foundation's Grants Committee strongly feels that this is an important interactive process between the foundation representatives and grant applicants prior to grant decisions being made. Mid-June is listed as when the Board of Director's actions will be taken to notify grant applicants of receipt or denial.*