

Historic Preservation Commission

Town of Greenville, Indiana

Town Hall

July 20, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Andy Lemon
Matt Uhl

OLD BUSINESS

1) **Download historic photos provided by Monica**

A cd of historic photographs was provided by Monica in advance of the meeting. During the meeting, Matt & Andy downloaded the files to thumb drives. The file contained 500+ photos and a couple of files with dates ranging from 1890 – 1960.

2) **Photos for new Greenville website**

Andy advised that he uploaded a few photos to the Greenville website under the Historic Preservation Commission. He requested that the Commission consider additional photos to upload to the website (maybe 5 – 10).

3) **Estimate to paint the Champion mural (The Station Building)**

Andy presented the estimated to repaint the Champion mural on the side of the Station Building. An estimate was received by Kimberly Raber who came highly recommended by Landmarks as a well known historic preservation artist. The estimate she proposed was for \$5,000 which covered, scaffolding, paint, labor, travel, and liability insurance.

4) **The Hoosier Homestead Farm Project**

Andy provided an update on the Hoosier Homestead Farm Project which is the Historic Preservations goal to encourage local farms which qualify for the recognition to apply in an effort to support local agriculture. The new Town website has a page dedicated to the Hoosier Homestead Farm Project and the front page features a picture of the Collins – Taylor –Jacobi farm for their bicentennial award they received in April. Andy advised that he developed and framed an 8x10 of the Collins – Taylor – Jacobi recognition in Indianapolis and will hang it in the Water Utility office.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Schedule of Meetings**

Matt discussed scheduling out future meetings for the Historic Preservation Commission covering the next year. Andy advised he would publish on the website.

2) **Floyd County Bicentennial – 2019**

Andy advised Melissa Wisheart from the Indiana Room approached him with information from local historians regarding planning the Floyd County Bicentennial. She asked that the Greenville Historic Preservation Commission consider the initial planning. Matt recommended beginning with highlighting Greenville's history. Matt said he would reach out to the local historians and ask for recommendations and help. Andy stated that from the photos provided by Monica the Commission could highlight Greenville's "History of

Commerce”, “History of Hunting”, and “History of Agriculture”. Matt suggested encouraging community involvement through presentation of personal histories or even a parade.

3) Property development in town

Andy discussed the current development near the storage facility which is conducted by ASB and future prospect of additional construction projects that he and other Town Council members have been discussing with developers and engineers.

4) Future Research Projects

Andy and Matt discussed adding Norman Coleman (first principal to Greenville and the first US Agriculture Secretary) to the Commission’s list of proposed historic markers. Additional discussion was around updating Wikipedia. Several pages lack information and some is inaccurate. Several of Greenville’s more notable figures and events do not even link back to the town of Greenville’s Wikipedia page nor is Greenville mentioned. Greenville’s prominence in history needs to be better highlighted.

NEXT MEETING – October 19, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. (typically meets quarterly)

Note: *Matthew Simpson, who John Ford asked that the Simpson UMC in Greenville be named after rather than himself, was an American bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Simpson was close friends with Abraham Lincoln and gave the sermon at Lincoln’s funeral.*