

Lanesboro Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom

Present: Jason Resseman, Mindy Benson, Kate O’Neary, and Ceil Allen

Absent: None

Visitors: Elaine Goepfert

Call the Regular meeting to order: Member Resseman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Farmer’s Park. Member Allen seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all members in favor. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Minutes:** Member Allen motioned to approve the July 21, 2021 minutes. Member Albrecht-Benson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll with all members in favor. Motion carried with all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. Seiler / Bucheit:** Member Resseman motioned to approve the application for new windows. Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Juniper’s:** Member Resseman motioned to approve the application for paint and a sign. Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C. Devey Hotel:** Elaine Goepfert joined via zoom to provide an overview of the proposed project. Ms. Goepfert is currently working on acquiring financing to purchase and remodel the property, and as part of that needed to have a review by the local Historic Preservation Commission. The proposal would include retail space and a lobby on the first floor, with short term lodging rooms on the upper two floors. The existing porch on the building would be removed and balconies to the hotel rooms would be put in its place. The second floor would be designed for ADA accessibility. The plan is to keep the color blue, keep the trim and newel posts (while creating matching ones for the new balconies), utilize original doors and flooring where possible. Members noted concern for the aesthetics of 6 balconies on the front of the building as the appearance did not match other existing properties in the area. A suggestion was made to alter the railings on the balconies, Goepfert noted that the railings would match the existing railing on the first floor. Another suggestion was given to extend the existing porch on the 2nd floor across the entire building, which would allow for balconies on this floor. While keeping the existing windows on the third floor. This would match the existing property next door. Goepfert noted concern for the suggested changes due to the budget being already at \$750,000, and was not sure increasing the budget was an option. Members encouraged Goepfert to review the suggestions and offer a compromise to the proposed project. Safety concerns were also noted for the balconies. Discussion will be continued.

D. Miscellaneous:

- a. Farmer’s Park:** Member O’Neary noted that the group has been busy fundraising for the creation of the park. Concern for the areas washed out near the river was shared, this would need to be addressed prior to the park installation.
- b. Heritage Preservation Sites:** Members discussed the idea of nominating other properties in town that are not in the historic district currently, some thoughts were: The Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the old School, and perhaps some of the current Bed and Breakfast properties.

Administrator Peterson will share a map of the Historic District, along with the process to nominate a property at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Member Allen moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m., motion seconded by Member Albrecht-Benson. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk