

Lanesboro Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom

Present: Mindy Albrecht-Benson, Lori Bakke, Kate O’Neary, Jason Resseman, and Ceil Allen

Absent: None

Visitors: Bonita Underbakke and Vicki McKinney

Call the Regular meeting to order: Member Resseman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Ordinance compliance to Miscellaneous. Member O’Neary seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. Merchants Bank Sign:** Plans were submitted to remove the clock feature of the sign, as it is no longer working, the ATM sign would then be moved up, therefore minimizing the overall size of the sign. Members noted concern that the sign did not have historic appeal. Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to table the discussion. Member O’Neary seconded the motion. Administrator Peterson will reach out to see if Merchants Bank would be interested in looking into another design that would have more of a historic appearance. Members suggested assistance in presenting ideas for a design if amenable. Additionally Commission members inquired if all of the Merchants Bank locations had the same signs. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Local Designation Process:** Member Allen is still investigating and talking with building officials. Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to table the discussion. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C. Farmers Park:** Discussion was had regarding the washout, as well as this area being used for staging for the ongoing road project. Committee Members are looking for additional help to bring the project to fruition. Member O’Neary suggested the item be removed from the agenda, until new information is available.
- D. Miscellaneous:**
- a. Tilted Tiki:** Members noted that cement has been poured at 105 ¾ Parkway, however a timeline for installation of the building has not been shared with Administration.
 - b. Noon Whistle:** It was noted that the noon whistle is no longer operational. This is due to the fact that the building that housed the equipment for the siren no longer belongs to the City. The Fire department has considered an alternative location near the Electric Plant building, however due to cost the project was placed on hold. Member Bakke will reach out to the Business Promotion Group to see if business owners would be in favor of having the siren replaced. Discussion to be continued.
 - c. Ordinance Compliance:** Members requested additional information regarding any potential financial impacts to being decertified, as well as information on

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other potential options outside of attending the conference that the City could then maintain their certified status. Additionally members would like to understand the attendance rate at the annual conference. Member Bakke volunteered to talk with the Fillmore County Historical Society about the possibility of a member from Lanesboro becoming a member. Member Resseman motioned to table the discussion. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Discussion will be continued with this commission before going to the City Council for review. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Member Resseman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson, City Administrator/Clerk