



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall

216 Payne Ave.

North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – November 17, 2014, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting Called to order at 6:05 PM

Present: R. Proefrock, J. Fonzi, L. Hayes, J. Soemann, P. Trinkwalder

Excused: D. Pasciak, A. Gampp

Minutes from October meeting – approved as presented

Old Business

Signage Guidelines- Part 2 of Sackets Harbor document: Rae will send out copy of the Sackets Harbor guide once again.

New Business

Ascension Church- information only: Rae shared Pal Brown's vision for retaining the historic character of the complex.

Review of SHPO audit of the Preservation Commission-planned response: The review was discussed and the following actions are planned:

- 1- Commission minutes have improved with a new secretary, but in the future will include more of the rationale discussed in making a decision.
- 2- The North Tonawanda Historic Preservation Commission will contact the Lockport Historic Preservation Commission to discuss the possibility of a joint training session for our commissioners in the Spring.
- 3- The Certificate of Appropriateness application has been amended to require historic photographs where possible, photographs of existing conditions, and detailed drawings and/or photographic simulations of proposed changes.

Consideration of other NT buildings that may be designated as local landmarks- we need to research the history and talk with the owners.

e.g. 1929 Payne Jr. High school – we need to find the history

City Hall -

Memorial Pool – talk with Patty Brosius

Other churches – St. Pauls on Old Falls Blvd., St. Mark, St. Martin, Hungarian Church

Re-visit the Sweeney Cemetery- Pete will talk with the committee again

Dom Polski Hall

Railroad Museum building

Active Hose building



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Present: Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Joe Fonzi, Rae Proefrock, Linda Hayes

Absent: Dennis Pasiak, Peter Trinkwalder

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Old Business:

Committee reviewed audit findings from SHPO and approved Mayor Ort's response letter. Committee plans to host a formal training session for members (possibly in conjunction with Lockport), and has plans to amend current Certificate of Appropriateness application asking applicants to include historic, current and future/designed plans/photos of buildings, as well as a box for committee to add notes/explanations on approvals/denials.

Review of Sackets Harbor signage guidelines – Rae to bring copies to the next meeting for discussion

Ascension Church Rectory – Informational update - work on interior going well, owner wants to open the porch back up and put windows in to match upper porch

Lumber Baron District- no report. Rae will follow up with Kiersten Minnick or her professor Carrie Traynor before next meeting

City website should be updated to reflect new members of the Historic Preservation Committee, and should also have the Certificate of Appropriateness form/application posted. Rae to look into this further.

New Business:

Studio 74 application – needs more information, including a picture or drawing.

Addition of buildings to possibly be named with historic designation, further discussion at next meeting – suggestions included:

Sweeney Cemetery

Memorial Pool

City Hall

Hungarian Church on Oliver

St. Paul

St. Mark

Thompson Church

St. Martin

Active Hose (Oliver and Sommer)

Dom Polski

Train Building/Museum

Train Building behind Betty's

Motion to adjourn – 7:06 pm

1st by Jay Soemann, 2nd by April Gampp

Ayes 5, Nays 0

Next meeting: December 15th 6:00pm