City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2015, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Joe Fonzi, Robert Welch, Art Pappas, Linda Hayes, Rae Proefrock (conference call)
Absent: Peter Trinkwalder

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:01 PM

Approval of January meeting minutes: 1st Jay Soemann 2nd Linda Hayes

New Business:

Northeast Cleaners, 119 Goundry St. – new owners present to discuss plans for renovations. Windows will need to be replaced throughout, as many are broken or boarded up. Approx. 30 windows need to be replaced, most cost effective way is vinyl. Owners are willing to look into dark brown windows to match style of the building instead of replacing with stark white or almond.

Owners also plan to change front of the building to bring out the center section directly to the sidewalk, and make the door an in-swing to accommodate building changes on the inside, and prohibit loitering that is currently occurring in the vestibule, as there is a bus stop directly outside the front door. Façade will be center door with large windows on either side, and tinted glass panels across the top, in aluminum framing. Signage will need to be approved by the committee, but may include lettering stenciled on the glass, or replacement of current bracketed sign hanging over the sidewalk. Owners may also want to keep with the pole sign in the parking lot, but looking into this further.

Committee discussed all these changes in great detail and approved, due to owners financial constraints on replacing 30 windows, and loitering issues in entryway.

Old Business:

Lumber Baron District- Kiersten Minnick presented her most recent report including revised boundaries to include areas past Payne Avenue to Vandervoort, Louisa Parkway and Pinewoods Drive. She also has building descriptions, photos, and history/significance reports ready to be submitted to SHPO. Committee was asked to review history/significance documentation and respond with any changes by Friday, February 13th so Kiersten could move forward and submit application as a draft to SHPO. She is also working with SHPO to confirm years of significance, tentatively 1880-1930.

Addition of buildings to possibly be named with historic designation – Committee to investigate age of structures

Sweeney Cemetery – Yes – Linda to ask Pete
Memorial Pool – undetermined – may need too much repair.
City Hall - Yes
Payne School – Yes – Joe Fonzi
Hungarian Church on Oliver – Joe Fonzi
St. Paul – April Gampp
St. Mark – April Gampp
Thompson Church
St. Martin
Active Hose (Oliver and Sommer) – April Gampp
Dom Polski – Yes – Joe Fonzi
Train Building/Museum
Train Building behind Betty's

Motion to adjourn – 7:37 pm
1st by April Gampp, 2nd Joe Fonzi
Ayes__4__, Nayes__0__

Next meeting: March 16th 6:00pm