City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – March 16, 2015, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Robert Welch
Absent: Peter Trinkwalder, Linda Hayes, Rae Proefrock, Joe Fonzi

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:01 PM

New Business:
None

Old Business:

Kevin O'Connor, owner of Tully's/American Skin Art building approached Jay Soemann regarding his signage and replacement of the window that was removed. He is looking for input on design options, Jay recommended that we send him a letter to contact Mike Zimmerman at Lumber City Development to inquire about any funding available for signage or design work. April will send correspondence.

Lumber Baron District- Kiersten Minnick gave an update regarding our draft that was sent to SHPO. She spoke with Jennifer Walkowski, and Jennifer suggested that we may want to start working on outreach to the community, in the form of a community meeting, while our draft was under review. In the event we were approved, she also suggested that we could create a website, or post information on the city website, or create a brochure to disseminate this information to the public. We could also submit information to the local newspapers, Bob Welch mentioned possibly Nancy Fisher at The Buffalo News, the Source, Niagara Wheatfield Tribune, or KenTon Bee. He also stated that the assessor's office could customize and pull address labels for certain streets and we could send a personal letter from the Mayor's office.

Jennifer's initial discussion with Kiersten was that she hadn't had a chance to review the draft yet, but was a little familiar with the area and suggested that she further investigate the Bennett homes and mentioned that they could be identified by a serial number in the basement of the home. Kiersten believed that Bennett built the home at 209 Niagara Street for himself. Jennifer also suggested that Kiersten look to see if there were any deed restrictions in any of the properties, such as a large lot size, indicating that there was a plan for infrastructure. Bob suggested Kiersten contact the Niagara County Clerk's office.

The next step would be that we wait for Jennifer to read the draft and then comment on it, and then she would schedule a site visit. Jennifer also mentioned that there could be grant funding available to complete this application, and Bob Welch mentioned that Mike Zimmerman may be able to help facilitate. April would look into this further.

Kiersten would be in attendance at the next meeting on April 20th to give another update.

Additional 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 – 7:14 pm
1st by April Gampp, 2nd Jay Soemann
Ayes__3_, Nayes__0__

Next meeting: April 20th 6:00pm