

Historic Landmark Commission

Mantua Village, Mantua Ohio

May 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:48 am.

Roll call.

Renee Henry, Nick Ehlert, Clark Magdych, Toomas Tubalkain were present.

Eric Hummel was absent.

Motion to excuse Terri Vechery made by Renee. Seconded by Clark.

Motion carried.

Reading of the minutes.

Members took time to read the minutes. Renee asked if there were any corrections. There was one. Clark made the motion to accept minutes as corrected and Tom seconded. Motion carried.

Renee had verified the binder needs an updated list of commissioners.

Old Business.

The historical marker for Mantua Village was discussed. Nick will research the wording.

Renee had brought a cast aluminum Century Home plaque that the Mantua Historical Society had offered in the 1970's. According to her research the cost for similar plaques for individual homeowners starts around \$130. Plaques that are less expensive are made of painted plywood. She is sharing this information with the Mantua Historical Society.

Note: Bronze plaques are more expensive and Toomas reported that in his experience with the International Park in Cleveland, the bronze plaques are targeted by thieves and must be secured in such a way to discourage theft. In fact, some "bronze" statuary is actually fiberglass.

The brochures for the walking tour have been printed and Nick has distributed many of them to local businesses. There is a lot of interest in them.

Toomas reported that with the Buckeye Trail designation for the Mantua area (from Peck Road – Head Waters Trail west to State Route 44, south to Canada Road and east to Peck) there will be kiosks and places to insert the walking tour brochures.

Brochures should be educational and informative, but may not advertise any commerce, restaurant or enterprise.

The Buckeye Trail inauguration will be during Art on the Hill in July 2018.

Even though Jake's Market cannot be listed with our commission, Nick is still researching and working on the article on Jake's. Toomas offered to assist him with editing the article.

Toomas had been able to accompany Terri Vechery to the Portage County Records office to see firsthand what a challenge it is to research a property's history.

Renee reported that Michele Stuck has added the walking tour brochures to <http://mantuavillage.com/landmarks.php>. Scroll down the page and the links to the brochures may be launched. Michele did an excellent job at configuring the Historic Business District walking tour brochure so that it displays when accessed by an electronic device.

New Business.

Community events:

DMRC's Quilt Show is now taking place every other year, the weekend before Mother's Day. Today is the first such show.

Art on the Hill will take place July 14. LMC will participate with a booth.

Potato Festival will take place September 7, 8 and 9. LMC will share a booth with other Mantua organizations.

Educational Opportunity: All OHPO members can benefit from webinars in the month of May that address legal and procedural questions for landmark commissions. Unfortunately, the webinars are held during business hours on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:15 pm. This means that only people who are not working can participate.

The next Landmark Commission meeting will be August 4, 2018. Clark asked to be excused from the August 4, 2018 meeting due to another commitment.

Motion to adjourn – Renee

Second – Clark

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Renee Henry, Chair

Nick Ehlert, Vice Chair