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**Lanesboro Heritage Preservation Commission**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

**Present:** Mindy Albrecht-Benson, Lori Bakke, Mitchell Walbridge, and Ceil Allen

**Absent:** Kate O'Neary

**Visitors:** Bonita Underbakke, Ryan and Allie Palmer

**Call the Regular meeting to order:** Member Albrecht-Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Bakke motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Chair Appointment. Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Chair Appointment:** Member Bakke motioned to appoint Member Albrecht-Benson as the Chairperson of the Heritage Preservation Commission. Member Walbridge seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C. Minutes from October 19, 2022:** Member Bakke motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Regular Business:**

- A. Merchants Bank Sign:** Members reviewed the pictures from other Merchant's Bank locations within Historic Districts. Members noted approval of removing the clock which is no longer operational, and moving up the ATM sign, to create an overall smaller sign. Members also noted a desire to look into a more historic looking sign in the future working with the Bank's branding requirements.
- B. Review of Plans for Devey Hotel:** Ryan and Allie Palmer provided an overview of the pictures and information submitted for a potential project at the Devey Hotel. Items reviewed include: Siding, Windows, Exterior color, connection of the two buildings, porch renovation. Members noted no concern for the projects presented. If the Palmer's move forward with the purchase of the building, a building permit will be completed and submitted to Planning & Zoning and Heritage Preservation for official review.
- C. Local Designation Process:** Member Allen noted both the Catholic Church and Lutheran Church were presented with the idea of being nominated as historical sites by the committee. Concern was shared that if they were designated the properties would potentially then be limited to changes to the buildings in the future. Members also noted concern that the Catholic Church could be torn down in the future. Administrator Peterson will reach out to the dioceses to see if future plans for the building have been discussed. Ultimately the Commission would like to see the building remain, and considered for alternative uses. Discussion to be continued.

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**D. Ordinance Compliance:** Members reviewed the current ordinance noting a member must be on the Fillmore County Historical Board. As well the State Historic Preservation Office provided information that the current Certified Local Government status could remain if members complete trainings. Administrator Peterson will review the ordinance and offer updates for the April meeting, as well as determine trainings and schedule. Commission members would like to keep the Certified Government Status. Discussion to be continued.

**E. Miscellaneous:**

- a. **Tilted Tiki:** Cement has been poured, as well as a Liquor License for 2023 has been applied for. Construction is planned for 2023.
- b. **The Spot:** New windows have been installed where once was a brick wall. The building is not within the Historic District.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn:** Member Albrecht-Benson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Member Bakke seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson, City Administrator/Clerk