



Minutes

Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting, November 24, 2014

Participating: Jackie Connor, Chair; Paula King, Co-chair; Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary; Walt Lewis, Ed Wilson, Dave Snow, Scott Charles BOT Liaison.

Sarah Wise was not present. Dave Snow was introduced as our new member.

This meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Jackie Connor.

The Agenda was approved.

The minutes of October 27th were approved.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

- An update on improving our website was given. We have have been assured that there will be no problem adding the following documents to our website; Historic Preservation User's Guide, Tax credit form, Historic Significance Criteria.
- The vacancy on the EHPAB has been filled by Dave Snow. Mr. Snow comes to the Board with a strong background in historical architecture and previous experience in historic preservation.
- The Board had a very positive feeling about the success of the events associated with Erie's 140th birthday celebration.
- Documentation has been found describing the original circumstances of the Lincoln School bell. Although we might be able to use the bell "as is", we thought it might be wise to get a professional evaluation of it's condition. Since the Lincoln School is on the National Registry, should it have been removed from it's original setting?

- After investigation we concluded that we were not prepared to request a historical survey grant at this point. We agreed that we would prepare for the grant cycle that takes place in the spring.
- Scott Charles asked that a rough draft of our the EHPAB Bookmark be sent to him and he will get someone on the Town staff to create a finished copy.
- Lincoln School/Town Hall will have a National Register plaque attached. We are exploring several options and styles for the plaque.
- Paula King has prepared a letter inviting property owners to landmark their property. We also have an application for Landmark designation. We agreed that we should encourage eligible property owners to Landmark their property.

New Business

- We requested that a date be set so that members of the EHPAB could look at Town's files concerning historical preservation.
- We discussed the appropriateness of meeting with the Community Development office. Scott Charles agreed to look into this.
- A question was raised concerning the By-laws. Do we have a complete copy in our notebooks?
- An extensive discussion was held in an effort to clarify our role in advising the Board of Trustees on historic properties. Are we meeting our responsibilities as a CLG? We also seek clarification on what is the definition of "historic" property. We agreed that we will continue this discussion.

Our next meeting will be on January 26, 2015 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned 8:52

Submitted by:
Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary