

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

The Chairman, Matt Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Members: Present –Vice Chairman Ralph White; Lois Shinko; Chairman Matt Smith
Absent - Clint Gault

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, November 11, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Shinko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, November 11, 2020, and approve said minutes as published. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

Landmarks Letter of Recognition – Ralph White

Mr. White stated that he had done a letter of recognition at the end of November for the December meeting but the LPC did not meet in December so he got signatures from all the LPC members and mailed the letter to the homeowner. The property is 39114 Detroit Road and the property owner is Craig Szabo. This is a nice house and they take really good care of it. The architecture is a National Folk with a front gable and wing style. It is known as the Brown/Mittelstead Home and it was built circa 1890. Mr. White researched the tax records and maps, etc. and there was a house there even a little earlier than 1890 but it could have been a cabin. The house was owned by the Browns and the Mittelsteads owned it pretty much through the 1920s – 1940s.

Landmark Nominations – Lois Shinko

Ms. Shinko did not have any nominations but Mr. White said that he had an application from Jason Hirz at 35410 Detroit Road. This is the old Buckingham house which was part of the Avenbury Development; the developers parceled it off as a separate dwelling and then sold it. Mr. Hirz recently bought it and he is all excited about it and wants to fix it up. The estimated date of construction of the house is 1952 and it is a Cape Cod style architecture.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Shinko to include the Jason Hirz house, the old Buckingham House at 35410 Detroit Road, to the Avon list of landmarks. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

Mr. Smith stated that he will get a picture of the house and add the house to our list of landmarks. He said to Mr. White that they can go and present Mr. Hirz with a landmark plaque and Mr. White said, yes, he would call him.

Comments

Mr. White said that they went through the Cahoon House on the evening of April 8th and everything went well and everybody enjoyed it. He added that he drove by there today and saw a cement mixing truck so they are pouring the foundation for the deck.

Mr. Smith stated that Sheri Seroka contacted him the other day; she is at the Cahoon House unpacking more of those boxes of antiques. He said that he was going to stop up there either tomorrow or Friday and see what has been done. Mr. White said that we have had a couple volunteers who are willing to help her. He knows it is a lot of work and he thought that any available help would be appreciated. Ms. Shinko said that you would not believe all the awesome furnishings, etc. that have come in for the house.

Date of Next Meeting

Mr. Smith stated that the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Shinko to adjourn the meeting and the vote was all ayes. The Chairman declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by Gail Hayden, Assistant Clerk of Council