

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Held in the Caucus Room of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, June 12, 2019**

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, May 8, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Gault to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 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 said that he had nothing for this month but he does have a couple houses in mind and so probably next month he will have one. Mr. Smith said that if Mr. White needed any assistance, to please just let him know.

Landmark Nominations – Lois Shinko

Ms. Shinko stated that she did not have anything for this month.

Comments

Mr. Smith noted that there was a really good article in the Elyria Chronicle Telegram recently reporting that the City of Avon would be finalizing the purchase of the Cahoon House in July. It was a well-written article explaining that it was a very fine acquisition for the City to acquire this property which will be used for educational purposes and historical venues. Mr. White said that he has not seen or talked to any of the Fischer family about the historical things that were in the house that the one daughter said that the Historical Society would be receiving.

Mr. White asked if anybody has seen the Billingham store on Colorado Avenue being torn down. He said he got some pictures from the back last night and he thinks that the front is coming down tomorrow. Mr. Smith asked what is going in its place and Mr. White said he did not know.

Mr. Smith stated that there is a public meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 P.M. at Avon Isle regarding the “Hike and Bike” Trail and he is going to do his best to attend that. He asked Mr. Gault if he was on one of the committees with that and Mr. Gault said, yes, he was on the Avon/Sheffield Bicycle Master Plan Committee. Mr. Smith said so there is this meeting and then he knows there is one in September to be held in the Sheffield Municipal Building. He said he wants to check this out and see what is happening because it is an important thing for the community.

Mr. Gault stated that the group heading this up has been doing a really good job. There have been many surveys, committee reports and meetings to try and determine the best plan, how it should be laid out, where it would best be used, etc. They are trying to hear from everybody regarding what their

interest would be. Mr. Smith asked if the grant that they have received is for the “Safe Routes to Schools” or the “Hike/Bike Trail”? He said he knows that it is two separate things under one umbrella. Mr. Gault said they had originally had them separated and then they merged them because they are related. The students might bike to school but also to the parks, to a friend’s house or wherever else, so it made sense to organize them together and break it out later. Mr. Gault added that the agenda for the meeting tomorrow night is mostly to reiterate and get more feedback from people in the community.

Mr. Smith said that his brother had attended the Health and Safety Fair on Saturday and there was a table there for the “Hike and Bike” Trail. Mr. Gault stated that the Safety Fair was awesome; each year it keeps getting bigger. There were two helicopters there which the kids could get aboard, a SWAT team from Lorain County with their gear, free food, and different vendors. He said he loves the fact that Avon is doing more and more things, and promoting more and more things for the community to get together and enjoy.

Mr. White mentioned another recent newspaper article in West Life. A reporter came to the Historical Society meeting last month on the historical markers throughout the County and she did a nice article on it.

Date of Next Meeting

Mr. Smith stated that the date of the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, in the Caucus Room of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Gault 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