

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, November 10, 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; Clint Gault; Chairman Matt Smith

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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, October 13, 2021, 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 did not have any letters of recognition.

Landmark Nominations – Lois Shinko

Ms. Shinko stated that she did not have any nominations.

Comments

Mr. Smith asked Mr. White to give an update regarding the Center Cemetery. Mr. White stated that at the last meeting, he said he would contact Tim Stallman of Eternity Monuments and request a written estimate for repairing some of the headstones. He has done that and Mr. Stallman said that he would provide the estimate. Mr. White asked Mr. Stallman to call his cell phone when he had the estimate and told him that he could either meet him and get the estimate or Mr. Stallman could mail it to our mailbox here. He asked Mr. Smith what he thought would be better and Mr. Smith said that he would get it directly. Mr. White said then that is what he will do. He does not know when Mr. Stallman is going to call him but hopefully, by next month. Mr. Stallman said that nothing would probably happen this year because of the weather. Mr. White told him that he understood that but maybe we could start with just one thing. He will wait until we get the estimate and then of course it will have to be reviewed and presented to the Mayor. Mr. Smith said that is the logical step and noted that Mr. Gault was spelling that out at the last meeting. Mr. White stated that Mr. Stallman told him that he will not attempt to do anything with the Sweet headstone; it is too big and too dangerous and he did not want any part of that. Mr. Gault stated that when he talked to Mr. Stallman a couple weeks ago, he said it would be helpful to have a framework of what we are looking to do. The idea of making sure that the workers are safe when they are mowing the area up there is important and going forward, what is the plan for repairs and maintenance? He liked having a framework for the big picture going forward.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. White what he recommended that we do with the Sweet monument? Should we try and hire somebody else? Mr. White answered that, yes, we might have to do that. He said that Mr. Stallman suggested removing the stone and replacing it with something else that is not as elaborate. That stone is really unique but because of the way it is leaning with the sand base on the mound and the way the foundation is starting to sink, Mr. Stallman does not think that it is something that he wants to get

involved with and he does think it is a liability. Mr. Smith stated that as soon as we hear back from Mr. Stallman, we will proceed on.

Ms. Shinko stated that she has things in her garage ready to take to the Cahoon House. Mr. White asked if she had been in the house lately and noted that it is pretty full; there is not much room left for anything. Mr. Smith said that he had been there about a week ago and talked with Sheri Seroka. She said that she was going to meet with the Mayor just to get a time frame of how much longer he wants her to be involved in the work at the Cahoon House.

Mr. Smith reported that there will be a Zoom meeting here in the Caucus Room tomorrow at 3:00 P.M. with the company that works on the websites with the City. Hopefully, we can get a website put together for the Avon Historical Society.

Mr. Gault stated that the Center Cemetery project is great, both for safety and for its preservation, and that Mr. White is doing a good job in leading it.

Date of Next Meeting

Mr. Smith stated that the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, December 8, 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