

Village of Mantua – Landmarks Commission Meeting March 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 10:06am by Toomas Tubalkain, Chairman.

In attendance, Toomas Tubalkain, Emily Hammonds, Ellie Stamm. Nick Ehlert and Clark Magdych were absent.

Old Business

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Emily motioned to accept minutes as written, motion seconded by Toomas and all present approved to accept the minutes as written.

Clark was to report on his attendance at an Aurora Landmarks meeting and it was suggested that he could do that at our next meeting.

Previously the Commission had discussed attending various Ohio Historic Society seminars, all are currently on hold because of the Covid19 pandemic, but we will follow up on these meetings in the future.

Also discussed “ghost signs” in the Village. Toomas plans to present to the Village Council or the Planning Committee (per the Mayor’s recommendation) that we want to proceed with talking to the building owners of such signs about re-painting the “ghost signs” to preserve the historic nature of Mantua. Local businesses or individuals may want to help with the cost of the re-painting.

New Business

Historic street sign replacement. Edie Benner told DMRC that she has a friend who owns a company that produces various concrete hard scape features like bollards, posts etc. Edie asked for a quote on the historic white and red concrete street signs at the corner of many residential streets within the Village. Toomas will present to Planning to see if we could get approval to replace some damaged or wooden signs with new ones because they have been an historic feature of the Village for approximately a century. It was discussed that we will need to see if a break away design will be necessary and if the company Edie contacted could supply such a design. Once again, it was suggested that area groups, business and residents may be willing to pay for these signs to be replaced.

At 10:30am Ellie motioned to adjourn the meeting, this motion seconded by Emily and all agreed to adjourn.

Ellie Stamm, Secretary