

Historic Landmark Commission Meeting  
Mantua Village Hall  
September 9, 2017

Call to order

Chair Nick Ehlert called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Nick Ehlert, Terri Vechery, Jack Schafer, Eric Hummel, Clark Magdych and Renee Henry.

Welcome to Clark Magdych to the Landmark Commission.

Reading of the Minutes

The commissioners took a few minutes to read the Minutes from April 2017.

Nick asked if there were any corrections. There were none. Renee Henry motioned the Minutes be accepted as written and Eric Hummel seconded. All approved.

Old Business

Fiala building: At this time the property doesn't have architectural or historical significance to pursue any action on the Landmark Commissioner's part. If the property owner wishes to apply for local listing and in turn refurbish the structure to have the features it had in 1930, then they may.

Ohio Historic Marker and Historic Plaques

The commissioners feel that historical markers and plaques will help promote interest in Mantua's local history and preservation of our community's fine homes and businesses.

Since Main Street in Mantua will have major infrastructure upgrades and be repaved in 2019, there will probably be opportunities for the local streetscape to be remodeled as well. There may be new places available to place plaques or historical markers.

The Landmark Commission will reach out to other groups, like the DMRC, Rotary and Mantua Historical Society to obtain and find a suitable location for a historical marker for Mantua Village. One suggestion is the small park area on the northwest corner of Main and Prospect.

Terri Vechery invited Nick Ehlert to attend a morning DMRC meeting with her to find out more about their projects.

Other possibilities are placing historical information signs along the bike / hike trail, similar to ones on the Greenway bike / hike trail from Ashtabula, OH to Trumbull County. The Headwaters trail will be part of the Buckeye Trail and Connecting Communities (Hiram, Mantua, Aurora and Twinsburg).

Historical / Century Plaques: There are several options that may be considered. Properties that have already been researched by the Landmark Commission may be eligible for a plaque. Or as other nearby communities post on the internet, property owners may apply for and purchase a plaque with two price tiers. If the owner does his own research, the cost would cover the price of the plaque. If the owner prefers the local historical organization do the research, there would be an additional fee.

Interns

Terri will be advertising the intern position at Hiram College again this fall term. At this time there are no interns.

New Business

Nick asked that for the next meeting in November we consider who to nominate for next year's officers. He would prefer to step down from the Chair position.

Date of meetings for 2017:

November 4, 10:30 am

Eric Hummel motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Clark Magdych seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Nick Ehler, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

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Renee Henry, Secretary