

Meeting Minutes  
Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission  
Saturday, January 13, 2024

- I. Call to order.
  - a. Per Chair, Kevin Maloney at 10 AM
  
- II. Roll Call.
  - a. Present: Kevin Maloney, Denise DeLillio, Ian Jones, Barb Stiebeling
  - b. Absent: None
  - c. Guests: Mayor Meyer, Councilwoman Nina Shroeder, Dawn King
  
- III. Nominations & Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
  - a. Kevin Maloney agreed to continue as Chair unless another member was interested. He nominated Ian Jones who declined. Therefore, Kevin was nominated. The nomination was seconded, and all Agreed.
  - b. Kevin Maloney nominated Ian Jones for Vice Chair. Ian accepted the nomination. It was seconded and all agreed.
  - c. Kevin Maloney nominated Barb Stiebeling for Secretary. Barb agreed if no one else was interested. Dawn volunteered for the position. She was nominated. The nomination was seconded, and all Agreed. Dawn has a few conflicts for meeting attendance and Barb agreed to continue as interim Secretary until Dawn was able to attend.
  
- IV. Citizen comments or questions (if any attending)
  
- V. Review & Approve minutes from last meeting.

Kevin suggested wording changes which were made, and the minutes were approved as amended.
  
- VI. Update on Mantua Train Station property.

- a. Council has approved moving forward with eliciting an appraisal of the property as the first step. The Village and owner will obtain separate appraisals. The property is not affected by any new proposed zoning measures.
- b. Ian researched some grants and identified three types:
  - i. USDA Rural Development Grant
  - ii. Grants for repairs
  - iii. Grants from the Ohio Department of Development

VII. Status of properties submitted for consideration.

- a. Currently there are eight properties, including that of Denise DeLillio
- b. Ian will contact the Hilltop Church
- c. Discussion of map of historic homes and its benefits
  - i. Kevin volunteered to work on this.
- d. Action item: Attempt to contact homeowners previously stating interest. Suggested approach: We are here for you.
- e. After letter goes out....set up meetings with those who respond
- f. Info sent by DMRC with their mailing list.

VIII Discussion/Decision on Plaques for Historic Landmarks.

- a. To economize space, the group suggested removing “by the Mantua Landmark Commission” since the partial logo on the plaque identifies “Village of Mantua”
- b. Modified logo being used to economize space.
- c. A new logo is being designed for the Village of Mantua, but Mayor Meyer said the Landmark Commission could continue to use the current logo as their own.
- d. There was a discussion of the years each of the two registered homes were built. Working information per the homeowners is that the Kelly home was built in c. 1894 and the Benner home was built in 1916. Kevin to confirm with the homeowners.
- e. Kevin proposed that we move forward with the purchase of plaques for both homes once the dates are confirmed by the homeowners. Seconded: Barb. All approved
- f. These will be 8” x 7” bronze with latest price of \$165 each + \$40 shipping.
- g. Ian to confirm price.

- h. Village Fiscal Officer, Maryann Fabian to make actual purchase.
- IX Discussion of Landmarks participation at events in 2024.
- g. Art on the Hill (AOTH) – July 13, 2024. All agreed. There was a discussion of potential cost and the location of the banner.
  - h. Other ideas and events suggested were the Potato Festival, engaging with the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMR), collaborating with the Garden Club, Chamber of Commerce and possibly the Christmas event in the Village.
  - i. Kevin has been asked to speak at the Chamber of Commerce...date to be determined.
- X. Discussion on the next Landmarks mass mailing.
- a. Review the most recent letter for changes.
  - b. To be discussed at next meeting
  - c. Letters to be printed and ready for mailing after the April or June meeting.
  - d. Mayor Meyer to send information about this to the Portager. Will include information that members of the Commission will be at AOTH.
- XI. Open Discussion
- a. Discussion focused on material that would be helpful at our booth at AOTH.
    - i. Walking tour brochures
    - ii. Map of historic homes
    - iii. Types of architecture
- XII. Adjournment
- a. Kevin proposed the meeting be adjourned at 11:47 AM
  - b. Ian seconded.
  - c. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stiebeling, Secretary