

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Cox; Sherri Green; David Wills; Phillip Field; Tonya McGuire

ADVISORY BOARD: Sue Morrison; Stewart Sebree, Southwest Field Office, Indiana Landmarks;

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT: Cynthia Burger, Town Manager; Lori Buehlman, upcoming Town Manager; Chris Wischer, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Green called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

Mr. Cox moved to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Mr. Field seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS

Staff

Ms. Burger said one COA was issued. On October 16, she issued the certificate for mechanical work at 9 W. Jennings St. She also noted she has not heard back anything further from Steve Nicholson, the owner of the home at Gray and State streets. She said he is making an effort to bring the house up to standard.

Ms. Burger also said the dumpster at 19 E. Water St. has been removed. The new owner of the condos is First National Bank of Carmi. She has been told they plan to finish the exterior work on the existing structure. New permits and a new COA will be necessary before any work can begin. The previous owner, Blair Mielke, is moving.

Giving an update on the Old Lock and Dam Park, Ms. Burger said crews are pouring concrete for the steps going up the hill to the Lockmaster houses. However, the houses will not be ready to rent by Thanksgiving; rather more likely by December 1. Mr. Field asked about seeding the hillside. Ms. Burger said it is too late to seed grass this year, but erosion control mats are being installed.

NEW BUSINESS

COA for 14 W. Jennings

Ms. Burger presented the staff report on the request to remove the non-original brick walk and to rebuild the stone wall (like for like). As per the guidelines, private walkways and steps, the petition indicated the brick walkway is not original and the concrete work is to encourage proper drainage.

The building owner, Sue Morrison, said on the east side of the building, the walkway goes along the back of the structure. The cellar has been taking on water for the past two years. The highest point of the walk is under the air conditioning unit and slopes down for there in both directions. She also said there is a non-functioning drain that needs to be cleaned and reactivated.

Mrs. Morrison said a section of the stone retaining wall has collapsed. The wall is 8 feet high by 50 feet long.

Mr. Field asked about her choice of color for the concrete walk. Mrs. Morrison said it hasn't been considered yet, but she would be willing to make it a brick color. Ms. Burger reminded it is not in the authority of the HPC to control color used.

Ms. Burger said there is no remaining historic brick sidewalk in the downtown.

Mr. Wills noted the water meter is high. Ms. Burger recommended Mrs. Morrison contact Indiana-American Water to lower it.

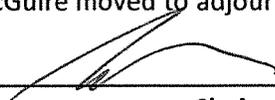
Mrs. McGuire moved to approve the COA application. Mr. Wills seconded the motion and it carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

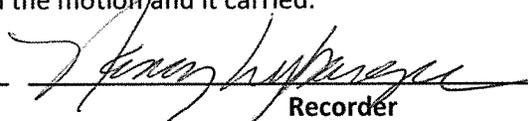
Mrs. McGuire welcomed Ms. Buehlman at the to-be-new Town Manager, replacing Ms. Burger after the beginning of the New Year. Mr. Field asked her for some biography. She said she has worked in a variety of positions, including for the Mayor of Vincennes.

ADJOURN

Mrs. McGuire moved to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Cox seconded the motion and it carried.



Chair



Recorder