

# Historic Preservation Commission

Town of Greenville, Indiana

Town Hall

July 26, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Matt Uhl  
Andy Lemon  
Brittney Courtney  
Mark Keeley

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Minutes from the April meeting were approved with a motion by Andy Lemon and a second by Matt Uhl. Motion passed 4-0
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chairman Uhl recognized the two new members of the Commission; Mark Keeley and Brittney Courtney.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Horseshoe Foundation Grant

The Commission discussed the recent notification of denial from the Horseshoe Foundation. Councilman Lemon stated that we would need to readjust the scope of some of our projects and find another source of funding. Additionally, Councilman Lemon stated he would reapply for the Horseshoe Foundation Grant in the fall. Courtney stated she thought the Commission would be able to fund one of the smaller projects, such as the Cemetery Heritage Sign project, fully with the support of donations from the community.

#### b. Quick Impact Placebased Grant (Town Welcome Sign)

Councilman Lemon stated that the Commission was also declined for the QuIP Grant. He stated that the grant was the one of the most competitive with 38 applications and only enough funding for 13 communities to receive an award. The Commission discussed utilizing another grant organization to apply for funding the welcome sign.

#### c. Naming of street between HWY 150 and Harrison Street

The Commission discussed potential names for the street located between HWY 150 and Harrison Street. The street is the result of a recent extension of roadway by the Town. Out of the collective group of potential names, only one roadway was nominated by members. There was a motion by Chairman Uhl to name the roadway "Norman J. Colman Drive". Motion was seconded by Kim Hardin. The motion passed 6 – 0. Colman was the first principal in Greenville at the Floyd County Seminary in 1850's and went on to have a prominent political career and career in agriculture, eventually becoming the first ever US Secretary of Agriculture. The Commissions recommendation will be brought before the Town Council as an ordinance.

#### d. Update on the NAFC Library in Galena

The Commission received an update from NAFC Library board member Steve Burks. Burks stated that the library grand opening would be held on September the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**e. Floyd County Bicentennial Planning**

The Commission discussed some bicentennial planning items. The potential for a parade and festival was discussed. Councilman Lemon stated that if this were going to come to fruition, there will need to be a subcommittee established to support such projects. Chairman Uhl discussed planning the John B Ford historical marker dedication with the Floyd County Bicentennial. Councilman Lemon stated we could lump in and release several other projects such as the Greenville Volunteer Fire Department research project, the Ephraim Girdner research, and the Cemetery Heritage Sign dedication ceremonies.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Historical Marker Applications**

Chairman Uhl discussed the Commission's recent historic marker application approval by the Indiana Historic Bureau. A monumental success as the application process was again very competitive. There were some 40+ historic marker applications from communities around the state and only 15 or so were approved. This is a testament to the contributions John B. Ford made to industrialism in America and in Greenville and also a testament to the detailed research put together by the Commission. The Commission also discussed the Norman J Colman historic marker application which was also submitted but declined by the Indiana Historic Bureau.

**b. Research projects for 2018 & 2019**

The Commission discussed the complexity of the research projects and how dividing them up amongst Commission members would make the projects more easily manageable. Councilman Lemon was assigned the Ephraim Girdner research project. Mark Keeley was assigned the Roscoe Miller research project. Matt Uhl accepted the 1908 Fire research project.

**NEXT MEETING – October 18, 2018**

**Note:** *Edward Ford, the son of John Baptiste Ford, was born in Greenville and lived here for several years. Edward went on to establish the Edward Ford Plate Glass Company in Rossford Ohio, a town he basically built around his glass factory. Edward was known for his business acumen largely accredited to lessons from his father. More specifically, he was known for his skillful employee relations. In August of 2016, the Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*