

Historic Preservation Commission

Town of Greenville, Indiana

Town Hall

October 19, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Matt Uhl
Monica Schamel
Kim Hardin
Shelly Hartfield
Andy Lemon

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the July 2017 meeting were approved via email prior to the meeting.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grant Funding

Discussion was provided around applying for the spring Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County grant cycle. The items which will be submitted to the Foundation were discussed and voted on. The "Champion" mural on the side of the Station Building which received an estimate from an artist which specializes in historic preservation paintings. Several historic site markers were discussed but ultimately two were selected; 1) Norman Colman site marker at entrance of Greenville Elementary and 2) the Fire of 1908 at the intersection of Cross Street and Clark Street. Discussion was made regarding in town development and the Historic Preservation Commission contributing to the Cross Street redevelopment. Motion was made by Chairman Uhl and seconded by Vice Chair Schamel to apply for funding the selected projects. Motion passed 5-0.

b. The Station Building – Library Research

The Commission discussed the Stage Coach Trust Company who is listed as the owner of the Station Building. The Commission and the historic preservation artist will need permission from the landowner to repair the mural on the side of the building. The Commission discussed ways to identify the actual owner behind the Stage Coach Trust Company.

c. Floyd County Bicentennial - 2019

The Commission discussed the possibility of a parade and holding an event at Greenville Elementary. As part of the project the Commission discussed creating a photo collage for the school.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Greenville Volunteer Fire Department Historical Documents

Andy Lemon discussed a project he has been working on with Chief Bender of the Greenville Volunteer Fire Department. Lemon stated he had received a large cache of historical documents from the 40s, 50's, 60's, and 70's and was working to digitize them for the GVFD and upload the documents of significant historical value to the Greenville Town website.

b. Ephraim Girdner

Chairman Uhl discussed reaching out to Emory University to see if the Commission could obtain the microfilm which stores Ephraim Girdner's correspondence from the Civil War. Lemon said he would make contact with Emory University and request an inter-library loan for the microfilm. Ephraim Girdner was a Lieutenant in the Civil War and was born in Greenville, Indiana living at the Girdner farm on present day Heritage Springs. Girdner was captured at the Battle of Richmond and was part of Sherman's March through the Southeast. All of his correspondence from the Civil War were retained by family members and donated to Emory University.

c. Other Topics

Additional discussion was centered around the property at HWY 150 and Voyles and the possibility of marking Andrew Mundell's old cabin location or rebuilding a replica. Also, there was discussion on refurbishing the base of the flag pole in front of Town Hall and also contacting the Greenlawn Cemetery board to discuss refurbish efforts such as the installation of trees, a wrought iron fence, and/or park benches.

NEXT MEETING – January 18, 2018

Note: *An Indiana State Historical Marker for the 2017 application cycle will cost \$2,500. The applicant (an individual or an organization/institution) must raise the full cost of an Indiana State Historical Marker.*