

REGULAR MEETING

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
16 SOUTH MAIN STREET
AUGUST 6, 2014



Those present:

Chairman Bette Sprecher
Henry Foy
Peter Sterling
Ron Sullivan
Glenn Duerr
Sandra Owen
Ann Melton

Also present:

Town Planner Paul Benson
Secretary Ginny Boyer
Lorraine Conard, owner of The Strand Theater

Absent:

Joanna Swanson

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2014

Peter Sterling made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2 meeting; Glenn Duerr seconded and all were in favor.

2. Greenhill Cemetery update—Ann Melton

Ann Melton reported that hiring a consultant to complete the research needed for the Green Hill Cemetery National Register study list application will require \$8,000 to \$10,000.

A CLG grant opportunity is available for preparing the nomination through the State Historic Preservation Office which Paul Benson agreed to write and have ready by the deadline of January/February 2015. There was no action taken.

3. Love Lane Day—Ann Melton

Ann Melton announced that Love Lane Day will be held August 24th, Sunday afternoon from 4-6 pm. Ms. Melton is appreciative of last year's resolution (number. R-11-13) "Love Lane Day" and the neighborhood sign approved by the Town. Ms. Melton plans to have an annual event beginning this year with a street-wide picnic/barbeque, home tours and a scavenger hunt that will explain the history of Love Lane.

4. Gwyn Residence at 201 South Main Street—Chairman Sprecher

The “Gwyn Residence” at 201 South Main Street owned by Mr. Thomas Woltz is currently under renovations. Mr. Woltz aspires to have the property be local landmark eligible.

Bette Sprecher mentioned to commissioners a gift given to her by Thomas Woltz: Garden Park Community Farm by Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects.

5. Other Business

The Strand Theater:

Lorraine Conard, owner of The Strand Theater presented commissioners with a request for a new marquee sign at 38 Main Street. Members were supplied with the sign specifications. Town Planner Paul Benson made it clear that it is the job of the commission is to decide whether or not the sign’s design and lighting are in keeping with Main Street’s period of significance 1892-1955 (The Strand was constructed in 1947).

Paul Benson said that within the Land Development Standards, there is a provision stating that within historic districts the Historic Preservation Commission may approve marquee signs and it is up to the commission to decide what is approved. When asked by Henry Foy if Mr. Benson believes the sign specifications are in keeping with the Town’s Ordinances, Mr. Benson said yes.

Henry Foy made a motion to approve the sign as presented; Ron Sullivan seconded and all were in favor.

6. Adjourn

Ann Melton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ron Sullivan seconded. All were in favor.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Bette Sprecher, Chairman