

Historic Resources Commission Meeting Minutes 4/4/22, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Katie Mallory.

Commissioners present:

Mary Hebert
Mali Thomas
Winnie Riddle
Katie Mallory
R. J. Archambo
Sherry Nelson

Representatives Absent:

Diane Raab, Council Liaison
Dan Sabolsky, City Manager

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved with the change from “Our CLG application has been approved,” to “Our CLG application has been accepted by SHPO pending the revision of the City of Cheboygan Historic Resources Ordinance, and submission of resumes for current commissioners.” Moved by Mali Thomas, seconded by Mary Hebert.

Katie Mallory volunteered to speak with City Manager Sabolsky personally regarding moving forward expeditiously with the revised ordinance.

Commissioners Update

Prospective commissioner Laurie Musclow will be sworn in upon her return to the area. Commissioner Keith Knecht has indicated that he will not be seeking an additional term appointment to the commission. As Knecht’s term of service has expired, another commissioner, who is a city resident, will be sought.

Sherry Nelson will draft a notice for the Tribune supporting the search for an additional commissioner.

Historic District Ordinance update, none

Update on RAP program, none

Commissioner Comments

There was discussion regarding the need for the City of Cheboygan to employ a grant writer to help garner funds for local projects. Mary Hebert, an experienced grant writer, volunteered to train someone to seek funds via grant writing.

Public Comments. None

Board Member Comments

Commissioners were advised to tour the Wastewater Treatment Plant during either scheduled tour: Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M., or Saturday, April 23, at 10:00 A.M.

The state of the little Mackinaw Schoolhouse on Mackinaw Avenue was brought to the attention of the board by Sherry Nelson. There are multiple broken windows, doors, and foundation issues with the 1889 building. The current owner does not seem to have the resources to stabilize the building. Mary Hebert suggested that a local contractor may be able to help stabilize an historic property, so it does not fail in disrepair. No funding sources are available presently, and technical assistance from SHPO is unavailable without CLG status.

Katie Mallory questioned what the term limits were for commissioners. Nobody knew for sure, so she will ask Alyssa Singles to check on it and advise the group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.