

**CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2007**

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a specially scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2007, in the Council Chambers of Aurora City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomas Dreher.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Thomas Dreher Sue Sutton Jeffrey Clark Tom Spape
Absent:	Richard Fetzer
Also Present:	Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission Susan Dombeck, Secretary

Mr. Dreher introduced the newest member, Mr. Spape, to the others and welcomed him to the commission. Per an inquiry by Mr. Dreher, Mr. Spape explained that his background includes 20 years in public safety and he is the Assistant Fire Chief in Bedford. He and his family live in the Four Seasons development.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 16, 2007 as printed.

Mr. Clark moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0-1, on a roll call vote.

Yeas: Mr. Clark, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Dreher
Nays: None
Abstentions: Mr. Spape

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business on this agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

BRIAN & MELISSA POZNIAK, 282 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE - CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR PORCH REPLACEMENT

Mr. Dreher asked if the members had any questions or comments on the plan. Mr. Lowe then suggested that the applicants give a presentation to the members regarding their proposal.

Mr. and Mrs. Pozniak explained that the existing porch is in bad shape and that some of the wood is rotting. They plan to replace the floor with tongue and groove stained wood, and the ceiling would also be stained. The wood railing will be painted. There was a short conversation on the pitch of the roof.

Mr. Dreher said that he wanted them to be aware that they may be required to use ice guard on the roof. Mr. Pozniak responded that it would not be a problem.

The members reviewed the drawings. There was a discussion on the size of the posts, and Mr. Lowe suggested that the plans include a note that the trim and detail match the existing, and the applicants agreed.

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the porch replacement for 282 South Chillicothe.

Mr. Clark moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a roll call vote.

Yeas: Mr. Clark, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Spape, Mr. Dreher

Nays: None

PENDING:

There were no pending items on this agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Dreher stated that Mr. Clark recommended, for the budget, that monies be set aside for a consultant to review the sign code for the city. The other members agreed with the recommendation.

Mr. Dreher then referred to the text for the Giles Cemetery signs that was presented by Mr. Lowe just before the meeting. He asked the members to quickly review the report and give input. Mr. Lowe explained that the signs are titled the same but said that sign "C" would be at the entrance. Sign "D" would be in the middle of the cemetery site and sign "E" would be in the cemetery and dedicated to Joel Seward. Mr. Clark mentioned that he may have located a descendant of Joel Seward.

Mr. Lowe then reviewed the proposal in further detail.

Mr. Dreher gave some background on the Giles Cemetery to Mr. Spape. He added that the city would put a split rail fence around the site. He explained the role that the Landmark Commission played in restoring the site and how Mr. Fetzer helped with the signage. Mrs. Sutton began a conversation on Geauga Lake residents and some possible connections to the cemetery.

Mr. Dreher informed the members that he will attend the next two scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year, but then would not continue serving on this commission. He anticipates an assignment with another committee, and suggested that the members consider their choices for Chairman for next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yeas: Mr. Clark, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Spape, Mr. Dreher

Nays: None

Tom Dreher - Chairman

Susan Dombeck - Secretary
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