

**West Seneca Historical Commission
May 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M. by Chairperson Paul Lang.

Fire Safety Notifications were stated.

Roll Call:

Paul Lang – Present

Ray Ball – Present

Fran D’Amico – Present

Michael Siuta - Present

2 students and 1 resident were also present

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to approve the meeting minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting. Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status of 2544 Clinton Street Update
 - Have not heard anything from the Building Department
 - Mr. Scheiber has been keeping Mr. Lang up to date – nothing new
 - Mr. Lang will be scheduling a meeting with Mr. Scheiber and Doug Busse to review everything that has been forwarded to the Building Department

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

None

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1. Chairperson’s Report: Review of Board membership
 - Dave Schultz resignation has been made official
 - The Commission is still looking for a volunteer with Real Estate knowledge and skill set to fill Mr. Schultz’s vacancy
 - Mr. Ball stated that he may know of someone who can possibly fill this position
 - Everything that has been voted on by the Commission has been forwarded to Supervisor Dickson, Ms. Greenan, Town Attorney Trapp and the Building Department.
 - Only response was from the Attorney saying they will review the material sent
 - Building Department is ok with the legislation, but would like to work out the logistics
 - Building Department has some concerns with how an emergency demolition will be handled

- Demolition Legislation, Demolition application and Landmark applications are all pending regarding the logistics and vetting from the Town Attorney, Building Department, etc.
- Mr. Ball suggests talking with the Editor of the West Seneca Bee to get the word out regarding criteria of a historical landmark and educate people regarding what the Commission does
- Preservation Studios is ready to start the process but would like the official notification from the Town.

2. Inquiry on 557 Main Street

- A member of the EFPR Group has reached out to the Historical Society - they are representing a charitable organization that may be interested in purchasing the property
- Concerned with the property and the potential for the Historic Value as it was built around 1890
- Mr. Lang stated according to the CRIS website this property has a potential to be tied to the Ebenezer district

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Ball questioned if there was any new information regarding the property at 2544 Clinton Street – nothing new
- Ms. D'Amico questioned if it is known who the original owner of the property was – it is believed to be R. Ovans (part of Nabisco)
- Mr. Ball will forward Maureen Berbary information to Mr. Lang as she is interested in filling the vacancy on the Board
- Ms. D'Amico would like to put together a small presentation for the Committee about what she learned at the Preservation Conference
 - Outreach is the most important thing, and the Commission needs the residents to understand who they are and what they do
 - Suggests the Commission create a Facebook page and have a table at the Farmer's Market to be available for people to ask questions
 - Fundraising would be a great idea

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.