

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Time and Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gary Gisselman (C), Linda Tryczak, David Burke, Patty Grimm
Others Present: Brad Lenz

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Chairperson Gisselman called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was present.

Approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting.

Tryczak motioned to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2017. Burke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion and possible action on declaring the Egyptian Mausoleum at 1701 Grand Avenue as a historic landmark.

Gisselman read the criteria for landmarking buildings from Chapter 2.82.050 of the Wausau Municipal Code.

Gisselman closed the public hearing.

Grimm said that this structure fits the criteria. Burke agreed. Grimm said that the structure is unique and the crypts are filled with people of importance within the community. It affects many people in the community.

Grimm motioned to declare the Egyptian Mausoleum at 1701 Grand Avenue as a historic landmark. Burke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 4-0. This will go to Plan Commission on June 20.

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion and possible action on declaring the Pine Grove Cemetery Gatehouse at 1501 Grand Avenue as a historic landmark.

Gisselman said that the gatehouse was at one time called the arch.

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Grimm said that she echoes that same thoughts from the Egyptian Mausoleum and it has indigenous materials. Lenz said that as part of the ordinance, the property owners are informed of the public hearing. He said he hadn't heard of any negative comments. Grimm said that she received an email from one board member who had a concern that if there was a renovation on the property and how difficult the process would be. Grimm said that she communicated that it is not a difficult process. Any changes would be in keeping with the property as it is. Grimm added that the board member hadn't responded back with any negative comments and is not present.

Burke motioned to declare the Pine Grove Cemetery Gatehouse at 1501 Grand Avenue as a historic landmark. Tryczak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 4-0. This will go to Plan Commission on June 20.

Discuss proposals for updating Wausau's Intensive Historic Survey.

Lenz said that the current historic survey is from 1984 and it is time for an update. A \$25,000 grant has

been obtained to redo the survey and staff is working on selecting a consultant. Copies of the request for proposal were handed out to the commission members. Lenz said that the candidates needed to be prequalified by the state. Three proposals were received. One of the candidates needs to be selected to work with and they may request to do half of the survey this year and the other half next year with another grant being requested. Lenz said that he would like the commission involved with reviewing the proposals.

Gisselman asked what the timeline is to select a consultant. Lenz said that it is open ended, but a consultant should be selected in July. Lenz said that it can be done during the normal meeting in June, unless it would take more than one meeting. Gisselman said that one meeting should be enough and that the consultants have been preselected by the state.

Gisselman said that it is an exciting project and is an educational process. Grimm asked if there will be a digital format of the plan available. Lenz said that we can request that and added that the plan can be used to establish future districts and landmarks.

Next meeting date and future agenda items for consideration.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 28.

Adjournment

Grimm motioned to adjourn. Tryczak seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Gisselman, Chair