

Waynesboro Historical Commission  
Secretary's Report  
January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Judy Walden.

Attending: Susan Elder, Jerry Layman, Megan Reid, Jake Buscher, Kelly Sheeley, and Judy Walden.

Absent: Judy Price-Smith, Ron Hiserman and Jeff Mellott

Guest: Kathy Lang

Speaker: Tom Carlsson

The secretary's report was approved as sent by email.

Tom spoke about the house on Fairview Avenue that is in poor condition and is in the historically protected area of Port Republic Road. It would take considerable funding to rehab the house and since there is no plumbing on the property and no bathroom, water and sewerage lines would be necessary and a space built for a bathroom. The roof is caving in and the place has been vacant for over 15 years. Asbestos abatement has been done that cost \$12,000.00. Several meetings have taken place regarding the house with other interested groups and Tom wanted to know how the Commission felt about the property. Susan moved that we stay involved with the progress and Jake seconded the motion. All were in favor.

It was asked of the newer members of the Commission what they envision that we should do for the City of Waynesboro.

Jake: He is interested in renovation of properties. He has found that some other districts and zoning boards find it easier to tear down a building than to rehab or repurpose it.

Megan: She would like to do more about the Basic City area. Get information out and see what can be done to so many empty buildings

Kelly: She is interested in the learning process and has previously worked with the Waynesboro Heritage Museum. She is interested in the older homes that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Tom suggested that perhaps we could do a brochure on the buildings in Basic City. Perhaps get a grant for a professional designer.

Judy mentioned that she will be in Florida for the Florida meeting and asked if they wished to skip the meeting or have someone else run it. It was decided to have the meeting and Susan said she would be willing to send out the notice for the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Walden