

Waynesboro Historical Commission
Secretary's Report
May 15, 2018

1. The meeting of the Waynesboro Historical Commission was called to order by Judy Walden at 6:30 in the library conference room.
2. Present were: Jeff Mellott, Susan Elder, Ron Hiserman, Jerry Layman, Jake Buscher and Judy Walden. Absent were: Kelly Sheely, Megan Reid and Judy Price-Smith
3. The minutes for the April meeting were sent via email. Susan moved to accept the minutes and Jeff seconded.
4. A number of residents of the Tree Streets met with Mike Hamp pertaining to the Greenway in their area. While at the meeting, the issue of the Red Brick House was discussed. Mike said that there have been no payments for taxes and the project looks abandoned. If the city decides to take it down, do we want to think about putting up a sign? This issue was tabled as we don't yet know what the future of the building will be. Mike was also made aware that the RBH committee has offered to pay for half of any fencing that might be erected at the old Presbyterian Cemetery. Mike said he did not know that Dwayne Jones was getting bids for the fencing.
5. The Industrial booklet is nearly finished. There is a question as to whether the story about a cannon ball did in fact go through the Crouse House, breaking the front and rear windows and landing in the back garden and which side would have been responsible. More to follow on this.
6. Walnut Grove booklet. (a) A copy was sent to all the members of the Commission for review and comment. Not all responded, but Judy set up a date with Constance Paradiso and Clair Myers with the comments that had been offered. (b) Judy went to Walnut Grove to talk to Bruce Brock, current owner, and talked to him about the millstone that is planted in the yard in front of the door. (c) Next, Judy and Susan met with Constance and Clair with issues that needed to be clarified. They were not happy with us wanting a listing of materials used for their research as they had not done so in the past. Clair mentioned that he was going to do a history talk in September at the Wayne Theatre and wanted us to print the book in time for the talk. We couldn't guarantee this time frame as we had asked for the money from the city to cover the printing along with the reprinting of another booklet and the printing of the Industrial booklet. Monies given to the Commission will not be known for a number of weeks. (d) Judy and Tom Carlsson went to see Bruce and asked permission to walk on his property to see if we could find any ruminants of the mill and the distillery. None were found, but Bruce spent some time talking to us and wanted to see a copy of the work done by Constance and Clair. (e) Discussion ensued about the reluctance of Constance and Clair to disclose their sources and it was suggested that Judy write a letter to them stating that we would need that information before we would sign off on the booklet using our Commission's name. All were in agreement that they

could comply or we would ask them to remove all references to the Commission and have the material published by another source.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35

Respectively submitted:

Judy Walden

Chair