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**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 18, 2018 6:30 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Chair, Dan Stephans, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call:

| Members | Present/Absent | Others Present |
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| Chair Dan Stephans | P | Applicants, Katie McGuigan, |
| Vice-chair Steve Culbertson | P | Berny and Debbie Simon |
| Secretary Betsy Ahner | P | Michael Maves |
| Ald. Joy Morrison | P | Mayor Bill Hurlley |
| Matt Koser | P | City Administrator - Ian Rigg |
| Cheryl Doerfer | P | |
| Steve Christens | P | |

3. Motion to approve the agenda by Culbertson, Seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.

4. Koser noted the agenda incorrectly stated the month as February instead of March, Morrison noted the year was incorrectly stated as 2017 instead of 2018. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 21, 2018 meeting and approve them as corrected by Koser, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.**

5. Civility Reminder. Stephans noted the City's commitment to civil discourse.

6. Citizen appearances. None.

A. Stephans welcomed Joy Morrison to the Commission. She replaces Gene Lewis as our aldermanic representative.

7. Applications

A. 25 N. Second Street – New Deck and Driveway (Application HPC-2018-07). Applicant Katie McGuigan was present to explain the work to be done. She intends to add a small deck to replace the current stairs, replace a steel door with french doors and replace a gravel driveway with concrete. **Motion to approve the application by Koser, seconded by Culbertson. Approved 6 – 0, with Christens abstaining because he shares the driveway with the applicant.**

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B. 104 Garfield Ave – Reconstruct Porch (Application HPC-2018-08). **Motion to approve the application by Doerfer, seconded by Koser. Unanimously approved.**

C. Lake Leota Park - Reconstruct Fireplace (Application HPC-2018-09). City Administrator – Ian Rigg explained the work to be done to reconstruct the fireplace in Lake Leota’s upper park. No photos are available of the original but every effort will be made to match the materials and style. Morrison thought it might have been a WPA project and Koser asked if it would be helpful to have photos of similar fireplaces in Madison parks to submit to the State. Stephans has information on Madison fireplaces and will provide that to Rigg. **Motion to approve the application by Culbertson, seconded by Morrison. Unanimously approved.**

D. Lake Leota Park – Demolish Duck House (Application HPC-2018-10) Rigg explained the duck house is in even greater disrepair following spring flooding and it is a hazard for children who may play around it. The City is asking to demolish it and that the repair of the creek walls be considered a mitigating factor. Discussion on Commission regarding possible options to demolishing. **Motion by Stephans to deny the application as written. Motion dies for lack of second.** Morrison stated that she is concerned about safety and would like to see something done sooner rather than later.

Following further discussion the applicant asked to modify the application as follows:
Section 2. – Duck house in its entirety shall be removed so the foundation may be demolished and the duck house be restored on a new foundation at a later date.

Section 3. – As part of mitigation for removal, continue work on the upper creek walls and work to stabilize the foundation of the second duck house. **Motion to approve the modified application by Culbertson. Second by Christens. Approved unanimously.**

Stephans stated that it is ok for the duck house segments to have scars from the move because it is old. Mayor Hurtle stated he would like to see it reconstructed. Koser added that depending on where it is stored it should be kept dry so it doesn’t come out of storage in worse shape. Culbertson said it needs to be moved now before more damage occurs or someone is injured.

E. Lake Leota Park – Construct Fire Pit Outside “Scout House” (Application HPC-2018-11) Committee project chairs for the Scouts, Berny and Debbie Simon, were present to explain the project. They showed photos, diagrams and a sample of the stone to be used. They would like to use wooden benches so the boys can construct them. Morrison stated the Park Board heard the proposal last night and liked it. It will be a memorial in honor of David Fellows who was an Eagle Scout. Koser suggested they double check that the fire setbacks are correct. **Motion to approve the application by Culbertson. Second by Koser. Approved unanimously.**

8. New Business

A. Discussion, Feedback and Possible Approval of Lake Leota Park South Baseball Diamond Scoreboard Proposal. Michael Maves was present to answer questions on the proposed scoreboard. Koser stated he liked Options 1 & 2 best on the open legs and that

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it should have a backing to conceal it from the road. Maves stated the legs are steel poles encased in wood and they hope to have it ready this summer. Commission members expressed their preference for Option #1 with steel posts encased in wood.

9. Old Business

A. Lake Leota Park – Misc. Projects. The west window of the Antes Cabin is being replaced with a more historically accurate window and the door is being replaced. The floor is finished and the cabin will be furnished as it may have been in the 1930's when used as a tourist cabin.

10. Report of the Community Development Director.

A. Staff Issued certificates of appropriateness. None

11. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns. None

12. Education and News. None

13. Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm by Koser, seconded by Culbertson. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday 05/16/2018 and Wednesday 06/20/2018.