

**Portage Historic District Committee**  
Regular Meeting  
Conference Room #2  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016

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**Present:** J. Lotz, J. Duniphin, S. Nemeth, C. Forrest, R. Randall, E. Eklov, M. Maytnier

**Absent:** F. Grunert, K. VanLonkhuyzen, J. Ebert

Meeting called to order 8:35 AM

- Collin brought in extra Jaqua signed copies of "Portage and its Past" for HDC members.
- Minutes of September 14, 2016 approved with one correction.

**Old Business:**

**3221 Milham/Nieuwenhuis**

- Bldg permit issued for new barn last week
- Current certificate of approval extended to March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Owner salvaged enough scrap lumber from the old barn to use for new door and vents.
- New structure will be slightly smaller than original barn.

**5720 Oakland/Vergunst**

- No news.
- Unfortunately, there will not be any salvaged materials available from original barn at 3221 Milham.

**2663 Mandigo/Kiley**

- Still under code enforcement.
- Fines are accumulating.
- Neither building on property occupied.
- Likely farmhouse will suffer deterioration from neglect.

**1521 Centre/Davis (Selinon Project)**

- Application to state pending (for funding / tax credits).
- No one voiced any opposition to leaving the barn on 1603 where it is instead of moving it to 1521.

**10234 East Shore/Geim (Train Barn)**

- Barn has suffered a recent break-in and several valuable items were stolen.
- Owner may not sell the 2 lots that were approved for sale.
- There may be a train display at City Hall during Xmas season.
- City Hall still interested in a solution to salvaging the barn.

### **922 Osterhout/Norman**

- No news about on-going siding restoration.

### **8021 Oak/Vermuelen**

- Rotting soffits and siding have been reported.
- Code enforcement underway (meth issue).

### **Committee Projects:**

- Area relator contact. Collin working on finding someone.
- Newsletter. No volunteers.
- May Preservation Month events.
  - Need to find sponsors.
  - Where will events be held?
- Outreach. On hold.
- Site Categorization. On hold.
- Statement of Significance.
  - Erica will contact the City of Kalamazoo to ask for copies of their HDC statements.
  - M. Deming to send out 2 examples found online on how to write a statement.

### **New Business:**

- Bike Trail has been reconfigured to run by Old Mill between Milham and Lovers Lane.
- City would like to have a plaque made for Old Mill.
- 3 Board members terms expire on December 31 (Jim, John, and Russ).
- 3 new members have been appointed by the City Council.
- Youth participant for HDC still vacant.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted Martha Deming Maytnier/Recording Secretary.

Next Regular Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.