

Portage Historic District Commission

Regular Meeting

Conference Room #2

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Present: C. Forrest, J. Lotz, J. Ebert, F. Grunert, R. Randall, S. Nemeth, K. VanLonkhuyzen, E. Eklov, M. Maytnier

Absent: J. Duniphin

Meeting called to order: 8:25 AM

Minutes from October 5th approved with a correction to the information about the signed copies of "This Place Called Portage". The copies were provided by Berkshire Hathaway.

Old Business:

3221 Milham/Nieuwenhuis/Barn

- Barn has been demolished
- New bldg. permit expires 3/27/17
- Salvage materials will be used for new barn door and vents
- Check to make sure salvaged materials are not left open to weather
- Follow up to make sure that salvaged materials are used
- Community Development checked the roof pitch to make sure it will be similar to original

5720 Oakland/Vergunst/Barn

- Steve Stier had contact with local timber framers to find solutions for the barn

6719 Angling/Smith (non-designated)

- Property has been sold to developers
- Owners would like to salvage barn and outbuildings
- Owners are retaining a lot and plan to move house

922 Osterhout/Norman/Restoration

- Siding has been removed from one side of bldg.
- Erica will touch base with owner to find out status

3821 Milham/Lynch/Restoration

- Barn has been repaired
- Holes in house have been patched
- Interior attic has been cleaned out
- Sales trailer and asphalt patch will be removed
- New plantings – lilacs will be replaced and trees added as buffer

6851 Sprinkle Road/Lynch

- Outbuildings have been painted
- Queen Anne home has been painted
- Barns have been repainted
- Greek style farmhouse is still being worked on

8009 Cox's Drive/Kasten

- Council has been provided with HDC report
- State Preservation Board now has jurisdiction
- Demolition has been denied
- Kasten plans to turn off utilities and "mothball" building
- Water Utility and Assessors Office reviewing billing for property
- Driveway/Parking lot has been repaired to take care of water drainage to lower level
- Erica is working on a preservation plan

Area Relator's Letter

- C. Forrest has been informed by Realtor's Assoc. that he is responsible for contacting relators to access interest in working with HDC.

New Business:**Statement of Significance**

- Examples and guidelines for writing Statements of Significance have been distributed to HDC members
- Each HDC Board member is to list bullet points to be discussed at December 7th meeting

Site Categorization

- Project tabled until January when new board members will be present

Youth Advisory Board Member

- It will be difficult to have a participant because of AM meeting times

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 AM

Next Regular Meeting: December 7, 2016

Respectfully Submitted: Martha Deming Maytnier/Secretary