

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2013
MINUTES

The February meeting of the Village of Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 5:07 p.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Government Center by Chair Marion M. Dumond.

Present: Commissioners, K. Draganchuk, M. Dumond, P. Ross, and J. Rubin.

Minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting (KD composed minutes from PR notes) were reviewed by Commissioners and will stand as corrected. (PR/JR)

Minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting will stand as corrected. (PR/JR)

The Commission received the digital camera JR ordered.

MD to ask Noreen Dechon whether or not the digital camera is designated village property.

Preserve America Community information was given to PR. PR will review and report back to the Commission at the March 11th meeting.

The Commission continues to search for a replacement for Bryan Zelnik.

The review of the Village Code was tabled until the next meeting for the Commission to review.

MD approached ESD's Tim Lukazewski about taking part in the composition of PSAs for the HPC. Lukazewski is extremely excited about this opportunity. MD agreed to give the text and graphic arts students and photography students will create the visual aids for the ads. Tim also wants to do a virtual tour that will be run on Channel 20 and also have this be incorporated into the fourth grade curriculum as well. DVDs will be available for distribution.

Michael Trainor contacted MD on various occasions for time-line information. MD provided information highlighting the railroad and the canal history associated with the Nevele to Michael Trainor and to the Town Historian. This information will be placed on a website for positive public relations to assist in bringing gambling to the hotel.

JR presented his landmark nomination of the Slutsky Center to the Commission. JR will prepare and send the final nomination draft to MD for review pending the receipt of information about the opening of the Slutsky Center. If the necessary information is received, the nomination will be placed on the meeting's March agenda and a public hearing will follow.

The Vice-Chair is vacant due to Brian Zelnik's resignation. The Commission nominated PR and the Commission unanimously accepted. (KD/JR)

The Town Commission proposed a tax break incentive for local landmarks and it was approved by the Town Board in January 2013. Under this new local town law local landmark owners have five years where there is no increase in the assessment of the property value. From years six to ten there is a 20% increase and after ten years the assessment will be appropriated. The Ellenville Journal provided coverage of this Town HPC accomplishment. MD asked the Village Commission if they would like to pursue this incentive for village local landmark owners and present it to the Village Board with the Commission's recommendation. This would take a proactive community stance and the HPC supports this incentive plan.

The next meeting date is Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:00p.m.

Please note that in between meetings HPC members working on projects should email progress, questions, etc to all members rather than waiting for an official meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. (PR/JR)

Recorded by

Kim Draganchuk, Secretary