

Plainfield Township Historical Commission
Minutes
Regular Meeting
21 April 2015

Program-Hydo Facilities on the AuSable River by Jay Jacobs; 24+ people attended.

Business meeting called to order by Jerry Hewitt at 7:30 p.m.

Board members present: Jerry Hewitt, Amy Alberts, Gene Nash, Rona Dane Sullivan and 7 community members. Introductions were made.

Explanations of board positions was made by Jerry Hewitt, who was acting board chairman.

No minutes were presented as the January meeting was a planning meeting for 2015.

Grant writer Nick Holden was introduced. He works for Beachwood Communications. He searches for and writes grants for non-profits. It was suggested we check with the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan concerning establishing a foundation. 877-354-6881 in Alpena.

Jerry discussed how the commission is funded and how we were originally set up through the township.

Diane Blevins read the Annual Report for 2014, which was presented to the Township Board in March.

Amy Alberts presented the financial report. A letter from Lynda Heilman was read concerning the \$100 donation made in January 2015. Jerry will send a thank you note to Lynda. Fundraiser 50/50 raised \$18.00 and \$19.00 was won by Mary Hewitt who donated it back to the PTHC fund. Approval requested for payment of \$10.00 to the Iosco-Arenac District Library for printing of 20 color laser printed flyers for the April program – Jay Jacobs, Consumers Energy. Motion

Margy Holzheuer has been appointed to the Nominating Committee. Mark Stone and Bernie Nuttall, two nominees were present.

Margy presented the 2015 plan for programs:

May-business

June-

July-Vietnam-50th anniversary

August-Doctoring of the Past

September-Metal Detecting-Mark Stone

October-Historic Desserts, partnering with IRESA

Suggestion by Rona to include the Bielby family history. She will be contacting a family member, as we continue learning about the families of Hale.

Discussion concerning the tombstone which was returned to Thompson Cemetery. Is it the correct stone? Where to place it? Need to state is correct information and what can be verified. Bernie will check with the road commission and see what information they have concerning the land where the road work was done. Bernie also has a contact concerning the old CCC camp off Liberty. Jeff Wilson's

garage is a former CCC camp building. It is being torn down. Bernie will see if we can have a piece of the building.

The commission will not participate in the 4th of July parade this year. We will continue to represent the township at the Iosco County Fair in a booth. The commission will only participate in the Antiques Booth at the Fair, if someone else is available to help with the heavy lifting. We will participate in the Antiques Roadshow as needed.

Gene checked on a headstone for John Doe. No price was given, will depend on size. Also discussion as to using a QR code on the stone. Mark Stone has a contact who might be able to donate a tombstone base to us. He will be checking.

Motion-Jerry, second-Diane to secure membership with the Historical Society of Michigan, including the magazine. Total cost of \$50.00. No organizational membership was listed for Plainfield Township Historical Commission as it appears our membership had lapsed. Motion passed.

Question concerning Malby Spring Bottling Plant. Will put on Facebook. Looking for a photo of the bottling plant or an old photo of the spring. A photo is needed for a Historical Marker.

Motion-Amy, second Gene to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. Passed

Submitted by
Diane Blevins, Acting Secretary