

**TOWN OF PERRY, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES for January 26, 2017**

1. Chair Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Commissioners in attendance were, Don Mueller, Doug Nelson, and Renaye Leach. Gary Boley and Brad Grundahl attended by conference telephone call.
3. Other attendees were: Joe DeRose from the Wisconsin Historical Society, Margaret Berg, Linda Bluschke, Rick Fredrickson, Ken Hefty, Mick Klein Kennedy, Doug King, and Roger Kittleson.
4. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried. Approved minutes will be sent to the Town Clerk.
5. The Commission then reviewed an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted by the Hauge Church Preservation Association via the Town Clerk and received on January 6, 2017. The Application seeks the Commission's approval of a proposal to mark newly discovered gravesites on or adjacent to the Hauge Log Church Historic Site. Doug Nelson applauded the work done by the Association for this certificate. In response to questions from the Commissioners, clarification was given by the Association's president, Rick Fredrickson that each grave would be individually marked, with a possible additional explanation marker, and he described the rearrangement of the driveway to ensure avoidance of newly discovered graves. After some discussion Brad moved the Certificate be approved with the recommendations as stated on the application. Gary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Town Chair, Roger Kittleson commended the Association for their efforts and after further discussion recommended that this same treatment might be applied to any graves within the surrounding park.
6. The Commission then turned to reach a determination as to whether, in our opinion, the Hauge Church Preservation Association's construction in mid-August 2016 of the split rail fence that now surrounds the Hauge Church Site constitutes an activity, action or alteration that falls within the categories of activities that require a Certificate of Appropriateness under the provisions of the Town's Historic Preservation Ordinance and /or the Town of Perry's Hauge Historic District Overlay Plan. Doug Nelson reviewed the timetable of the original application for a fence and withdrawal of the same. This process of the need to determine if a certificate is required has been reviewed and discussed at the three prior Commission meetings.

Discussion started with Brad recommending an application is needed, and suggested that he would most likely vote to approve such an application for the current fence. Gary and Don both stated that they agreed. Renaye stated that an application is needed. Doug Nelson agreed that an application is needed but suggested a gate be installed to open public enjoyment of the site and park.

Rick listed several reasons pointing to there being no need for an application including: barb wire not introduced until 1867; split rail less intrusive; many historic sites use this style; cannot require pedestrian access to private property; replaced existing fence; 1860 book quotes church surrounded by a fence; deters unauthorized access.

Doug Nelson then put forward that this seemed to describe a reconstruction process and that in light of all the information accumulated from multiple sources, it is expressed clearly that reconstructions need approval, and these procedures are what give meaning to commissions such as ours: that changes to the subject falls within our jurisdiction.

After more discussion, Rick offered that he thinks the Association Board will submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness based on our conversation here at this meeting.

Brad commended Rick and then moved that the Commission determine the fence does require a Certificate and would be hopeful that we have an application for one within 30-60 days. Don seconded.

Gary then asked Brad to withdraw the motion based on the recent discussion and let the Association act in good faith in submitting an application for the fence. The motion and second were both withdrawn with all views being made and heard.

7. Comments by town residents and any other guests started with Joe DeRose responding to an invitation to comment that the Commission seemed to be following the ordinances, listening to property owners, and coming to reasonable conclusions.

Thanks were offered to Rick on behalf of the Madison Group by Doug King and also personally as town resident. Mick thanked the Association and expressed satisfaction that ordinances as a way of doing business remain intact and appreciated the efforts of all and expressed the hope of coordinating with the Association on further research on possible gravesites within the park.

8. In the call for any other business, Renaye suggested starting the process of revising the application procedure to improve communication between the Commission and applicants concerning receipt and notification of review meetings.

Linda reminded the Commission of a past list of projects to consider. Gary suggested one of these projects was to look into the building on the Margaret Berg farm site.

Brad commended and thanked Rick and looks forward to cooperation.

9. The next meeting date will be set up by email.

10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.
Approved Minutes Respectfully submitted by Renaye Leach, Secretary Perry Historic Commission 03/06/2017

Respectfully drafted by Renaye Leach, Commission Secretary
Respectfully submitted by Doug Nelson, Chair, Perry Historic Commission