

Minutes of Public Hearing
Town of Perry
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Perry Town Hall

1. Call to order. Chairman Roger Kittleson called the hearing to order at 7:35 PM. Supervisors Ken Hefty and Mick Klein Kennedy, Treasurer Stephanie Zwettler and Clerk Mary Price were present. Also in attendance: Howard Kietzke, Alice Yaeger, Sonja Luetschwager, Gerhard Luetschwager, Margaret Berg, Linda Bluschke, Doug King, Mike Drew, Ed Sutter, Darren Walker, Doug Nelson, Jeff Anderson, Rodney Heldt, Rick Fredrickson, Atty. Kevin Palmersheim.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Roger Kittleson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proposed amendment to the Hauge Historic Preservation Plan. Chairman Roger Kittleson presented the proposed amendment – No. 8. In addition to the purposes described in this Historic Preservation Plan for the Perry Hauge Log Church National Historic District, it is the intent of this Plan to forever protect and maintain the unobstructed view of the Blue Mounds from the church building and to maintain unimpeded pedestrian access there for visitors between the Hauge Log Church Historic Site and the Hauge Historic District Park.

Comments:

- Doug King – Town Board has worked 16 years to protect the site, won the legal case. The Preservation Association cares for and maintains the site and the Town recognized the Association's work with a Certificate of Appreciation; proposed amendment might need an easement so the amendment should be tabled until an easement is presented.
- Darren Walker, Historic Commission chair – proposed amendment was approved by the Commission; Town Board should be careful and should respect the Association's property rights.
- Howard Kietzke – the opening became an opening when the fence was removed and the path was mowed. The "unobstructed view" is not a clear view now; "unimpeded access there" – define "there"; opening shouldn't be there.
- Atty. Kevin Palmersheim – the Town has a good Plan and ordinances and has an ordinance for this Plan; no reason for "unimpeded access"; the Town risks the possibility of further action on property rights.
- Ed Sutter – several years ago, Chairman Pat Downing instructed the Town's Patrolman, Mitch Sutter, to cut an 8 foot opening in the brush

and mow and spread gravel for parking on Fred Smith's field for parking for an event at the church site.

- Linda Bluschke – Fred Smith removed posts and wire fencing.
- Doug Nelson – at the 2014 Association annual membership meeting, he made the motion described in the proposed amendment, approved unanimously by the members – 94-0. There should be ethical consensus not to preclude access.
- Howard Kietzke – Association's board and membership rescinded the motion, infringes on property rights.
- Linda Bluschke – abstained on 2014 Association motion; insurance and liability concerns; not part of park.
- Doug King – advises connection on west side of Park. Association asked Town to preserve view of the Blue Mounds 16 years ago.
- Roger Kittleson – 16 years ago, he was one of 7 No votes; attended lots of meetings to fight for Town's people and Association's wishes; ironic that litigious landowner is now an Association member.
- Darren Walker – amendment should be tabled.
- Mick Klein Kennedy – amendment based on Association's resolution and is a step to reconciliation.

3. Adjourn. Gerhard Luetschwager moved and Margaret Berg seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The hearing adjourned at 8:10PM.

Mary L. Price, Clerk