

**TOWN OF PERRY, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES for August 27, 2018**

1. Chair Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Commissioners in attendance were: Gary Boley, Renaye Leach, Don Mueller, and Doug Nelson. Brad Grundahl attended by conference telephone call until 7:30 p.m.
3. Other attendees were: Ken Bartz, Linda Bluschke, Rick Fredrickson, Doug King, and Mick Klein Kennedy.
4. Gary moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting. Motion carried. Approved minutes will be sent to the Town Clerk.
5. The Commission then turned to reviewing the Town of Perry, Hauge Historic District Park Certificate of Appropriateness application – signed July 17, 2018. The application covered 7 items which the Commission reviewed and discussed in order:
 - 1) use of flat feature markers and other park features and objects as donor opportunities for fundraising
 - 2) shaded picnic table in crab apple tree grove
 - 3) hiking trail crossing signs
 - 4) pair of Leopold benches
 - 5) park patrolled by Dane County Sheriff and electronic surveillance sign
 - 6) Norwegian hiker troll “Thanks for Coming” sign
 - 7) observation point visitor guide sign.

1) Use of Flat Feature Markers And Other Park Features And Objects As Donor Opportunities For Fundraising.

Doug reaffirmed the use already granted of flat feature markers and proposed an addendum: Use of flat markers for donor opportunities for fundraising “or for honorific recognition.”

After some discussion, Gary moved to table item #1. Don seconded. Unanimously tabled.

2) Shaded Picnic Table In Crab Apple Tree Grove.

Brad moved to approve the picnic table in that grove in the area specified by the attached map. Don seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Renaye dissenting.

3) Hiking Trail Pedestrian Crossing Signs.

(Brad stepped away from the meeting at this phase at 7:30)

In response to a question from the audience, Doug explained that just because the PHC approves a proposal does not mean the said proposal will be executed. The PHC must decide if the proposal is consistent with historical character, but has no responsibility to implement or assure the implementation of approved proposals.

After introductory discussion, Doug clarified the town’s proposal by offering an agreed upon summary of the key elements, specifying that the

four (two pairs) of the requested signs would be erected at two crossing points indicated by the attached map; they would be erected on 4 by 4 posts no more than 32" high; the signs would be double sided, NPS brown in color and less than 12" by 18" in size. With that specification, Doug moved approval of the town's crossing sign request. Renaye seconded.

Discussion centered on how many signs were actually required as well as concerns about excessive signage detracting from the historic/natural character of the park. Gary offered an amendment to the motion proposing to separate approval of the signs for the south and north crossing points into 2 separate motions. The amendment was agreed to by the commissioners. The first motion to approve signs at the southern crossing point resulted in a tie vote with Doug & Renaye voting aye and Don & Gary voting no and thus failed. The motion to approve the signs at the northern crossing point passed 4-0.

4) Pair of Leopold Halfway Benches.

Gary moved approval for the placement of the pair of Leopold benches at the north property line along trail just west of the highway. Don seconded. Discussion. The motion carried 4-0.

5) Park Patrolled By Dane County Sheriff & Electronic Surveillance Sign.

Gary moved to approve. Doug seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

6) Norwegian Hiker Troll Thanks For Coming Sign.

Gary moved to deny approval. Don seconded. The motion to deny passed 4-0.

7) Observation Point Visitor Guide Sign.

Doug moved to approve. Gary seconded. Discussion. The chair clarified that proposed Observation Point direction sign would be placed on the back of the appropriate hiking trail pedestrian crossing sign already approved under item #3, as stated in the COA application. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Comments and concerns from town residents were then heard by the Commission.

7. The secretary distributed an email from the Wisconsin Historical Society announcing that a survey will be forthcoming to gather commission landmark data and to survey Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications.

8. There being no further business, Gary moved to adjourn, Don seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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