

TOWN OF PERRY, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES for Remote Meeting held August 19, 2020

1. Chair Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.
2. Commissioners in attendance were: Gary Boley, Brad Grundahl, Renaye Leach, Don Mueller, and Doug Nelson.
3. Other attendees were: Doug King, Perry Parks & Open Space Committee Chair & Mick Klein Kennedy.
4. Gary moved and Don seconded to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 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 June 9, 2020. The application covered 4 items which the Commission reviewed and discussed:

- 1) Construction of permanent restroom in Hauge Historic District Park OR
- 2) Placement of portable restroom in Hauge Historic District Park;
- 3) Construction of handicapped access pathway to restroom;
- 4) Placement of handicapped parking sign in parking area.

Initial questions and concerns among commissioners centered around exact placement of the proposed structure; the size, design and exterior appearance; and impact of such a structure on views from the historic site. Discussion of these issues was followed by the raising of a broader concern as to whether the building of any proposed restroom aligned with the specific criteria for determining appropriateness as laid out in the Town's Historic District Plan & Ordinance and whether such an amenity was critical to "public enjoyment" of the park. After thorough discussion, Renaye moved to disapprove the COA application. Gary seconded.

The question was called after considerable additional discussion. The motion carried 3-2, with Doug, Gary, and Renaye voting aye and Brad and Don voting nay. The application for a certificate of appropriateness was denied.

Following the vote, several commissioners acknowledged the hard work and good faith intentions of those who had developed the proposal, including especially Doug King and Mick Klein-Kennedy, who personally participated in the meeting.

6. Further comments from town residents were then heard by the Commission.
7. The commission chose not to schedule a next meeting time, deciding instead to wait for an issue to be brought to it before setting a specific date for its next convening.

8. There being no further business, Brad moved to adjourn, Don seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

This was a remote meeting held by video and telephone conference in compliance with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Open Government Advisory: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Open Meetings.

Commissioner Brad Grundahl hosted the meeting through Zoom. The public could access the remote meeting through the instructions below:

Sign on time between 6:15 and 6:30 pm. Meeting ID is 831 3700 3175. Password is 760342. The phone number for phone only without video is 312-626-6799. Anyone having trouble signing on can call Brad at 608-225-4776.

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