

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 10, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert May.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

The secretary read the "Open Public Meetings Act" Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the "Star Gazette" and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on February 14, 2014.

Present at this meeting were: Chairman, Robert May, Vice Chair, Gerry Manger and members: Mary Billow, Lacey DiTondo, Jane Guthrie and Julie Steven. Absent were members: Verity Fox, Darren Koeppen and Henry Morgan.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2014 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Billow and seconded by DiTondo to approve the minutes as submitted. By voice vote all were in favor.

APPLICATIONS **Application 14-01** for the Long House on Walnut St was left over from January. Ms. Kotinsky was present as a tenant in the Long House. She explained to the Commission members that she would like an oval sign between the two poles and would measure 24" x 42". She also noted that she rethought using the white background and decided instead to use a light sage green with black lettering. The secretary noted that H.O.P.E. dropped off a letter regarding Ms. Kotinsky's sign. The applicant noted that she would then take this same sign to H.O.P.E. after this meeting. A brief discussion was held about commission approval coming after H.O.P.E. approval.

A question was asked about the posts for the other signs. It was noted that those posts were farther down the building for the other units. Kotinsky added that she was hoping to open within the next two weeks.

A motion was made by Manger, seconded by Billow to approve this sign conditional upon H.O.P.E.'s approval. Roll Call: DiTondo-yes, Guthrie-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The Conditionally approved application was signed and sealed by the Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS Century Link – the secretary noted that she had heard nothing from Marguiles about Century Link. She noted that Marguiles was supposed to come to us when the company was choosing lanterns to replace the light that is currently there. The only other thing left is the driveway. The secretary reported that she heard from the Zoning Officer about that. He was speaking with a representative of Century Link and the representative noted that the driveway was put in for the sole purpose of getting the generator in there and set up. Now that

part is complete, Century Link is agreeable to taking the driveway out and returning that area to grass, as it was before. The commission members agreed that would be best.

NEW BUSINESS Billow noted that a new well was being drilled down by the Distillery building. She asked if an application was needed for that well. A brief discussion was held about the two water companies in the village. It was decided that an application to our commission was not necessary.

The secretary reported that the Environmental Commission and Green Team are planning a Go Green Fair on April 12th. She noted that there will be several people/companies with information on alternative energy as well as document shredding and e-waste events. Along with that, the Environmental Commission/Green Team was hoping to be able to have tours of the Distillery (reusing/recycling old buildings). DiTondo noted that there is also supposed to be a SWAP where people can bring in things that they no longer need and “swap” them for other things.

DiTondo also reported that, with regards to the Identification Marker Ordinance, Koeppen will not be able to help with this due to family illness. She asked for another member to work with her. She also noted that no meeting of the four outside groups has yet taken place. Manger agreed to work on that sub-committee with DiTondo.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Manger, seconded by Guthrie to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel,
secretary