

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 19, 2015**

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 Express Times and Star Gazette and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on March 13, 2015 and March 20, 2015 respectively.

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

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2015 have been distributed to the members prior to this meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Manger, seconded by Fox. By voice vote, all were in favor with Brown abstaining.

APPLICATIONS: 15-13 324 High St., ReMax Town and Valley. This application is for approval of a change in signage on the American Country Real Estate building. Frank Anderson was present for this application. He explained that American Country and ReMax were combining and becoming ReMax Town and Valley. Anderson explained that they were using the same signs that were currently being used for American Country Real Estate. The only change would be that the sign in front would be a bit smaller (48" x 36") and would hang perpendicular to the building, printed on both sides. He added that the signs have been there since 1984. A brief discussion was held with Mr. Anderson during which the next step in the sign approval process was explained to him. The secretary offered to give him a zoning application for his signs.

A motion to approve this application was made by Fox, seconded by Guthrie. Roll Call: Guthrie-yes, Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Manger-abstain, May-yes. The approved application was sign and sealed by the chairman.

The question was raised whether there is any further work to be done on the Distillery Building and when it would be open for people to view. The secretary didn't know if it was ever open but offered to get that information. A very brief discussion was held as to when the building could be open. Suggestions were made for various times that would be nice if the building were open.

The question was then raised about what the HPC does for the craft market. It was noted that in the past, the commission has not done anything.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the commission, a motion was made by Fox, seconded by May. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary