

MINUTES  
GALENA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
312 ½ NORTH MAIN STREET, GALENA, IL 61036  
July 18, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Craig Brown called the meeting of the Galena Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday July 18, 2013.

**ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

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| Carl Johnson     | Absent  |
| Jack Dennerlein  | Present |
| Bob Brotheridge  | Absent  |
| Katie Wiene      | Present |
| Larry Wiedenheft | Absent  |
| William Gehrts   | Present |
| Craig Brown      | Present |

A quorum was declared.

**Public Comments:**

Mark Montgomery stated that he has 2/3 of his house removed. Still working on the remaining part of the house which has significant damage. The house will be reassessed on Friday July 19, dealing with some basic foundation problems and the underside of the house. Site visits are encouraged.

Dan Balocca, Felt Manor Guest House – had a set back with the Zoning Board last week on the text amendment. He is going before the City Council on Monday July 22, 2013 to accept Special Use Permit Application for Historic large properties in low density residential area. He is asking the City to provide the process the intent by adding a text amendment to the land use matrix to allow for such applications to the Zoning Board.

**Approval of minutes of June 20, 2013:**

**MOTION:** Dennerlein moved, seconded by Wiene to approve the minutes.

**Discussion of the motion:** None.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB001: 660 S. WEST STREET.**

Jo Daviess County Highway Dept. owner, Steve Keefer applicant, requesting to build new storage shed (100'x40').

Steve Keefer stated:

- That he is asking to tear down and replace storage shed.
- All materials salt and gravel etc. will be stored inside the new shed.

Sarah Fisher had concerns with the outside salt and tailing piles.

**MOTION:** Gehrts moved, seconded by Wiene to approve as presented.

Roll call was:

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| Dennerlein | Yes |
| Wiene      | Yes |
| Gehrts     | Yes |
| Brown      | Yes |

The motion carried.

**NB0012: 525 S. HICKORY STREET.**

Kenneth & LoAnn Robb owner and applicants, requesting to remove garage doors and replace with wooden French doors. Operating pair at center with two fixed doors on either side.

Kenneth Robb stated:

- That he is requesting to remove the garage door and replace with solid hardwood French doors with matching stationary doors on either side.

**MOTION:** Dennerlein moved, seconded by Gehrts to approve as presented.

Roll call was:

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| Wiene      | Yes |
| Gehrts     | Yes |
| Dennerlein | Yes |
| Brown      | Yes |

The motion carried.

**NB003: 302 WASHINGTON STREET.**

Gerald Cernick owner, Mike Harris applicant requesting to build 15'x15' screened porch at Southeast corner of house (currently decked).

Neither owner nor applicant were present.

**NB004: 901 SPRING STREET (O'CONNOR & BROOKS & CO. PC).**

Consideration and possible action on GHPC letter to IDOT concerning façade. (No enclosure).

Pat Mc Carthy representing O'Connor & Brooks stated:

- That in a few years there will be major reconfiguration of Spring St. and it will affect his business, the front now will be the right side and the left side would be the front entrance.
- That he is requesting to continue the façade that is present on the now front to continue to the left side of the building which will become the new entrance.
- That he is requesting a letter from the GHPC Board to the State of Illinois stating the historic nature of this building at the entrance of the Historic District in the City of Galena.

**MOTION:** Gehrts moved, seconded by Wiener to approve the GHPC Board supporting the request to IDOT to monetarily support his and our need to have this building look sharp.

Roll call was:

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| Gehrts     | Yes |
| Dennerlein | Yes |
| Wiener     | Yes |
| Brown      | Yes |

The motion carried.

**OTHER:**

1. State Historic Conferences:

Duff Stewart, Building Inspector shared information about the Illinois State Wide Preservation Conference June 28 in Evanston, IL. Daryl Watson presented thirty-three slide show, and it was well received, a unanimous vote that went very quickly. Now the seventy seven page packet is in the hands of Andrew Heckenkamp, who is IHPA Survey and National Register Coordinator. He will be sending this packet and several others to Washington DC in the next three to four weeks, in Washington DC it will take another six to eight weeks for approval.

Mike Jackson is still very determined that Galena becomes a National Landmark District. Jackson brought up another criteria for the world stage and that would be a "World Heritage Site" designation award.

2. Publications:

Craig Brown stated that there will be a National Historic Conference coming up in November that he will be attending.

Duff Stewart Building Official stated that he received information on the Senate's Approach to Tax reform, protecting the Historic Tax Credit, please call your Senator's and express your desire to support this.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE:**

Craig Brown, Chairperson, stated that he is a long way down the line toward having the entire Historic District online, so every individual address in the Historic District will have their two surveys, their photographs, their old photos if any, a narrative from the owner, so any tourist coming to town can come to Galena and look it up.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Gehrts moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Johnson  
GHPC Secretary

Duff Stewart  
Building Inspector

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