

Spotswood Cultural and Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023

Present:

Brian Engstrom, Marc Fafara, Jack Eichenlaub, Gary Castellano, Chris Borzuku, Art Campbell, Joe Schwartz. Guests Councilman Andrew Zaborney, Fred DeVoe.

1.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Jack Eichenlaub.

2.

Minutes were distributed. Motion to accept by Chris Borzuku second by Art Campbell. Motion passed.

3.

Fred DeVoe attended our meeting. Councilman Andrew Zaborney our commission liaison also attended our meeting. Councilman Zaborney told our commission that the town will be putting in a new park across from the old Schwitzer's main street factory. The woods will be redeveloped into a park and fields. He suggested that our commission have a space in the park for historic large items and plaques. Joe and Marc thought this would be a good place to display the cheese sculpture by DeVoe Lake. The sculpture artist is Jim Miller-Melberg.

4.

The sign company has completed our DeVoe lake sign. They are not providing us, free of charge for the new upping coach sign, The cost is \$150.00.

5.

The glass display case for historical items to be displayed in the municipal building has been ordered. The commission wants to start the project in March. Before the project is started the commission needs to do more research to provide a list of the historical items in the case to the mayor's office. We also need to know if the items would be insured under our town's insurance policy. The items in the case need to be presented and protected properly. Joe Schwartz and Art Campbell suggested that we place the items on felt or another base.

6.

The commission wants to start the Everpresent project. Marc Fafara will give the commission more updates on the pricing and time frame of the project.

7.

The commission will present at the senior center a "Historical Presentation". Guest speakers will be Jack and Chuck later this summer.

8.

Jack Eichenlaub asked councilman Andrew Zaborney if he would follow up on the Images of Spotswood books to be given out to new residents that moved in town.

9.

The commission would like to do more trolley tours. We will contact the mayor's office and recreation commission to find out more information on Spotswood events this year.

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Old/new business:

The town has approved in its budget for a new web master and internet provider to improve our town's web site. The commission will be able to have more online history exposure. The commission is looking for more historic pictures in town and old films of town events. Joe Schwartz will check with Spotswood high school to see if they have any recordings of our town's 100th anniversary celebration.

Councilman Andrew Zaborney suggested that the police screen tv in the municipal building also can be used for the historic commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Marc Fafara , Secretary