

Minutes of the **July 9, 2012**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held  
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, and members Michael Erfourth, Joni Forster, Paul Heimnick, Karen Stadler, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: Shaffer Fox

Guests Present: Scott Newman and Bill Constine

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer Tobey in the absence of a chair and vice chair, and with the consent of the group.

Stadler was welcomed as a new member to the commission.

Tobey entertained motions to nominate a chairperson. Members deferred action to await Fox.

There were no citizen comments.

The motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the June 11, 2012, meeting was received and seconded with approval granted.

The bylaws created committees were updated to the following volunteers:

1. Gould House Preservation Committee
  - a. Gary Wilson – co-chair
  - b. Mike Erfourth – co-chair
  
2. Historic Properties Activities Committee: This to be a committee of the whole.
3. Curwood Castle Preservation Committee
  - a. Lorraine Weckwert – co-chair
  - b. Scott Newman – co-chair (in anticipation of his appointment)
  - c. Paul Heimnick
  
4. Curwood Castle Park/Cabin Committee
  - a. Lorraine Weckwert
  - b. Mike Erfourth – chair
  - c. Karen Stadler
  
5. Historic Collection Committee
  - a. Lorraine Weckwert – chair
  - b. Paul Heimnick
  
6. Home tour/Events Committee
  - a. Mike Erfourth – chair
  - b. Joni Forster
  
7. Historic Preservation Committee
  - a. Gary Wilson – chair
  - b. Scott Newman (in anticipation of his appointment)

Shaffer Fox will be polled for his interest in committee assignment.

Motion by Wilson for Erfourth to be chair of the commission to fill un-expired term. Support by Weckwert and approved.

Erfourth assumed responsibilities of chairmanship of the meeting.

Nomination by Weckwert for Wilson to serve as vice-chair. Support by Forster and approved.

The re-write committee report will be delayed to the next meeting due to the absence of Fox.

Erfourth reported nothing major is required in the painting/repair project for the Paymaster Building to be commenced in the fall.

Weckwert reported the walking tour brochure had been placed on hold due to no consensus on the format. Members again discussed the tri-fold design, the number of sites to be included and the possibility of pictures. Also mentioned was the potential for an enhanced booklet available for purchase and on-line information. It was suggested that a project manager with graphic art skills might be beneficial to shepherd the project through completion. Potential managers will be sought for a proposal.

Weckwert reported that an appointment with Blair Brown of Kalamazoo will take place at the Castle on July 23 at 1:00 p.m. to evaluate plaster concerns. It was suggested that docent Speers might be invited to attend.

The rental agreements for the Castle and Gould House were discussed with the determination that a legal review might be in order to update the documents.

The request was made to include discussion of the purpose of the Gould House on the next agenda.

Members responded to the information on Log Cabin days by asking Erfourth to keep the event in 2013 in mind for more formal participation by the commission.

The entrance signs were discussed with motion by Forster to request removal of the East and West entrance signs at no costs to the commission with a recommendation to the city to replace the signs with new wayfinding designed signs. Supported by Stadler and carried.

Adjourned by consensus at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey  
Secretary/Treasurer