

Minutes of the **June 10, 2013**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Curwood Castle, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, Chairman Michael Erfourth, and members Joni Forster, Shaffer Fox, Elaine Greenway, Scott Newman, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: Paul Heimnick and Don Schneider

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Motion to adopt proposed agenda made by Wilson, supported by Newman and approved after the addition to new business for Newman donation, June 24th meeting and Carriage House. Approved

Citizen Comments: none

Motion by Weckwert to accept and place on file the minutes of the May 13, 2013, regular meeting. Supported by Newman and carried.

Weckwert and Greenway gave updates on Home Tour progress. A public meeting was held on May 20th, obtaining volunteers for web and other advertising. A pay pal link will be placed on the advertising brochure. A yard sign advertisement was prepared for display during Curwood Festival. Contracts have been signed. Fourteen houses have been acquired so no extra activities are planned. The tour will take place the third Saturday of September from 10-5. The next public meeting of the committee will be on June 17th, 7 p.m. at the Gould House.

By consensus, members requested the new bench placed near the castle be relocated facing the castle under the tree.

Chairman Erfourth presented the idea of an Historical Artifacts Committee to look for and acquire Curwood memorabilia for the Castle. Wilson and Newman were suggested to work with docent Mitch Speers. It was noted that \$500 was designated in the FY 13-14 budget for acquisitions. Motion by Newman to establish an Historical Artifacts Committee composed of Wilson, Newman & Speers. Support by Weckwert and approved.

Wilson reported on conversation with someone to design and produce light pole banners. Members discussed the limitation of the small size of the park banners.

Forster arrived.

Fox reported Agnew Graphics had proposed to design and produce six banners for the park poles at \$75.00 each for a total of \$450.00. Motion by Newman to allow \$500 for park banners with Fox and Erfourth making final decisions. Supported by Greenway and carried.

Newman has purchased a lobby card from the Curwood movie, *Man from Hell's River*, the first movie with Rin Tin Tin. Members of the commission thanked Newman for this donation.

| Erfourth reported the city council would be conducting a strolling tour to view the Historical properties on June 24th. These buildings include the Paymaster Building, Curwood Castle, Comstock Cabin and the Gould House. A commission member will be assigned to each of these properties from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Following this time, council will meet at Curwood Castle at 7:30 to discuss the properties and the Commission.

Deleted: Newman

Erfourth will call DPW to report an additional lock is needed to secure the Carriage House.

The Michigan Humanities Council annually holds events to promote the Great Michigan Read program. The Castle was submitted to be accepted as a fall event venue site.

Newman left.

Utility boxes at the Castle need to be painted to match the building.

Log Cabin Days will be June 30. The Comstock Cabin is on the listing.

Fox left.

Members by consensus agreed that rentals at our buildings should be allowed two years out to accommodate wedding planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey
Secretary/Treasurer