

Minutes of the **June 11, 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, Shaffer Fox, Paul Heimnick and Lorraine Weckwert

Members Absent: Gary Wilson

Absent & Resigned since last meeting: Piper Brewer, JoEllen Hartley and Crystal Smith

Guest Present: Bill Constine

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer Tobey in the absence of a chair and vice chair, and with the consent of the group.

Tobey entertained motions to nominate a chairperson. Motion by Fox to move election item to the end of the meeting. Support by Heimnick and carried.

Constine left meeting after photographing members at the table.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the April 17, 2012, special meeting was made by Erfourth, seconded by Heimnick and approved.

Tobey entertained a motion to accept the May 14, 2012, regular meeting minutes. Motion by Weckwert to add the word "her" to displeasure in the opening comments by Vice-chair Hartley. Support by Erfourth and carried. Motion by Weckwert to add "due to the heated accusations, one of the members left meeting rather than be insulted further." Motion died due to lack of support. Since no member would move to adopt corrected minutes. Tobey announced the May 14, 2012 minutes would be accepted and placed on file with a voted change due to lack of action by commission members.

Motion by Forster to accept the treasurer's reports for the months of March, April and May of 2012. Supported by Fox and carried. There was discussion concerning recommendation to council to include financial support for various additional commission expenditures.

The topic of Walking Tour brochures was tabled to the next meeting by consensus.

Tobey distributed copies of the current committee assignments and suggested they be updated due to changes in the membership of the commission. Members by consensus asked to table this issue to the next meeting.

Motion by Fox to recommend to City Council a change to the bylaws that eight members of the Historical Commission be at-large members and one representative remain a city council member. Seconded by Heimnick and carried.

Motion by Fox to change the bylaws that the Owosso Historical Commission Chair may serve a maximum of two one-year consecutive terms, with the person who serves a chair not serving again as chair until at least two, one-year terms have been served by one or more members. Support by Heimnick. Discussion that other changes may be necessary and there should be time spent on review. Motion failed with support by Fox and Weckwert, dissent by Erfourth, Forster and Heimnick.

Motion by Weckwert that Fox head up a bylaw rewrite committee. Supported by Heimnick. Motion carried with support by Forster, Fox and Weckwert, dissention by Erfourth and Heimnick. Fox set a committee meeting to be held June 20, 2012 at the Gould House at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged suggested changes in the bylaws to be submitted to him by e-mail prior to this committee meeting.

Offer by Erfourth to paint recent repairs on side and rear porches.

Notice that repairs and paint touch up may be needed at the Paymaster Building. Don Forster has offered to work on this project. Member Erfourth reported that he will inspect the property and report back an assessment of needed repairs at the July meeting. Work will not commence until after the Woodard show ends in July.

Plexiglass on the Cabin windows was discussed. It was noted the purpose was for security from vandalism. Members by consensus decided to leave as is for the present.

Member Weckwert noted the poor condition of Castle carpet and relayed a desire to stage the Castle main floor as is shown in a period photograph. It was noted that plaster walls continue to show deterioration. Weckwert will consult an expert in preservation from the Michigan History Division to suggest a protocol for repairs.

Members were given copies of the current lease agreements for events at the Castle and Gould House with a verbal description of the agreement with Corky Adams for Gould House events. Members wished to review the forms and move item discussion to July meeting.

Due to the lateness of the meeting, members by consensus agreed to table the election of a chair and vice-chair to the next meeting.

Motion by Heimnick to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey
Secretary/Treasurer