**City of Tomah Historic Preservation Commission**

**January 12, 2022**

**Tomah Municipal Center, Council Chamber**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Kling at 5:55 p.m. Attending were Wayne Kling, Jim Weinzatl, Richard Yarrington, John Glynn, and Suzanne Baker-Young.

Minutes from the November 2021 meeting were read. A motion to approve was made Weinzatl and seconded by Yarrington. All aye's, motion carried.

Boy Scout Cabin Update: Yarrington stated that Wire Pro had been doing electrical work. Info forwarded from Shawn Zabinski stated that indoor electrical wiring is complete. A discussion was held regarding the ongoing interior work. All were in agreement that we should get an update directly from Joe Protz. See if Protz can attend the February meeting. Also consider having the April meeting at the cabin. The current balance in the city fund is $6947.78. We did receive $1000 from the Earle Grant. Discussion held on presenting a ceremonial check to the city for funds used from the account. Exact amount would need to be determined. Weinzatl suggested purchasing a “whiteboard” type ceremonial check that can be reused. Also discussion on holding a ribbon cutting and grand opening event at some point.

Local Historic Registry: Short discussion held on creating a local ordinance. The HPC should keep focus on wants and needs and requirements for this. Present ideas at February meeting.

Lea Mausoleum: Baker-Young checked into funds from the Koehler Foundation. They only fund arts type projects. Zabinski is working on a grant to the cemetery board.

Michianza/Arts & Crafts Fair: Discussion held regarding when to hold event. Members agreed that July is already to busy. Keeping it on the same day as Crazy Days, the first Saturday in August, was agreed upon as being a good time to hold the event. Need to see if the fairgrounds space is available on that date (August 6th) with August 13th and August 20th as backup dates. Depending on what expenses we would expect to be incurred, especially for advertising, it was agreed that booth space fees should remain at $25.

Zabinski has submitted the application for the 2022 raffle license. Possible raffles would be a 50/50 cash raffle at the Downtown Thursday Night concerts; a season long raffle for the GBP painted milk can with drawing to be held during the Michianza.

Creation of a HPC Scholarship: A discussion was held and the HPC members agreed that a scholarship would not be feasible as it takes a good deal of time to oversee, and it is not something that HPC funds should be designated to as our funds are to be used for restoration and preservation projects.

Library Steps/Entrance Repairs: John’s Welding has done railing repairs. Funds are available for repairs to the steps but Irma Keller, Library Director, has stated that she is having a hard time finding a contractor available to do the repairs. She is open to suggestions from the HPC.

Suzanne Baker-Young, secretary