

PEP MEETING
JULY 10, 2006
MINUTES

Pam Ruminski called meeting to order at 7:11

Attendees: Pam Ruminski- Pres Bob Boklund- New Secretary
 Tim Stabosz – Treas Michele Barber
 Joyce Cook Andy Ruminski
 Sandy Bruce

June minutes: several changes are necessary. Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report, Tim Stabosz:

\$ 2,034.73	6/15/06	LP Savings Checking
\$25,762.51	6/30/06	Fidelity includes*
\$ 8,000.00*	4%	Is in MM in Fidelity

Committees

1. Membership – No report
2. Social – No report
3. Publicity/Newsletter – Michele working on this.
4. Candle Light Tour – No new houses found yet. Tour committee members will keep looking. Orr Mansion a possibility if buses are used, John Pappas @ B & J American Café wants to be on. So far Bethany Lutheran Church & Mark & Lori Reed, Link House on C St. Other homeowners will be contacted.

Old Business

- A. Fair Booth- Items for the booth have been assembled. Need volunteers to work. Quilt- it was decided to have a "Silent Auction" for the tour quilt. Minimum bid of \$50 per Toni Quill, who made the quilt. Andy and Tim will help Pam set up.
- B. Indian Boundary Festival – Bob is in charge of the event. He is considering waiting until 2007.

New Business

- A. Items from 1108 Indiana Ave: Several special items were given to Tim for PEP for safe keeping when they moved from the Secor house. Dr. Rassel picked up several items when she first moved in. Still at Tim's is a pitcher and antique

Secor sewing machine. They said he could give to new owners, donate to museum, etc. We were contacted by Dr. Rassel's friend about picking up the items before her open house. He was advised this would have to be discussed at a PEP meeting. The Stevens' were contacted and are not in favor in returning items due to the conflict of the restoration.

Discussion was held, some felt also because of conflict in the restoration of the property that the items be donated to the museum if they want them. Michele made a motion to contact the museum. Bob 2nd, motion passed. President abstained.

- B. "LaPorte City of LaPorte Façade Improvement Grant Program" and "Downtown LaPorte Looking Up" were reviewed as an information of what the city is planning. More later.
- C. A used car lot at 240 Lincolnway next to Cheap Chic will be opening. At present time, there are no designed standards in place for downtown, which is a concern.

Other Business

- A. Bob told us about a website called "Google Earth".
- B. Historic Preservation Commission – Tim- the library is preparing to have printed 10,000 "Walking Tour of the Avenue" brochure. Approximate cost is \$1679. Would PEP be willing to donate to printing costs? Tim made motion to contribute ¼ of total cost with a maximum of \$500. Andy 2nd. Motion approved.
- C. Tim requested permission to invest the remaining \$8,000 (which is in a MM at 4%) In stock market. Bob made motion – Total amount, \$8,000, can be deployed in the stock market consistent in the ways the other monies have been in the past, with understanding of accessibility assured. Andy 2nd. Motion passed, Tim abstained.
- D. Plaque concept for downtown businesses, 50/50 match. Tim will work on this.

Tim made motion to adjourn, Andy 2nd, meeting adjourned 9:45.

Respectfully submitted Bob Boklund, Secretary/Pam Ruminski, President.
Next meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2006- 7:00 at the Swanson Activity Center