

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building  
On Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

The Chairman, Matt Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Members: Present –Vice Chairman Ralph White; Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki; Chairman Matt Smith  
Absent - Clint Gault

**Correspondence/Update on Center Cemetery; John Bowman**

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki said that she had information from Brenda Guggenbiller, the Wakeman Branch Manager, concerning John Bowman and the WLP's service. In regard to John Bowman, Ms. Guggenbiller reported that on page 77 of a publication called "The Following History of Wakeman Township, Huron County, Ohio" written by Dr. F. B Weeks, soon after 1917, an entry for George Bowman was presented. There was information about where George Bowman lived and about his family. Ms. Guggenbiller suggested that John could have been one of the un-named children but there is nothing definitive there.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki continued that, although there was no further information on the WLP's service at this time, there was a picture on page 39 in the "Images of America, Wakeman and Florence Townships", copyright 2012, by David Graves and Amy Swoop with the caption "Wakeman resident Bill Pease is pictured with the Vermilion River in the background ..... " Ms. Guggenbiller noted that David Graves may be able to offer more information and she was planning on trying to make contact with him. In an attempt to gain insight and more definitive information, Ms. Guggenbiller has reached out to a local teacher who is well versed in Wakeman history who may have contact information for the author David Graves. Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki emailed Ms. Guggenbiller today and she said that she was unable to reach one person and the other is in ill health but she will keep trying to see if she can uncover any more definitive information for us.

Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Murnyack -Czarnecki and said that sounds very interesting and definitely provides some more leads for John Bowman.

Mr. White stated that, in regard to the Center Cemetery, he has had no contact with Mike Milano of Milano Monuments. Mr. White said that Rose Seighman, the Mayor's Assistant, had called him and he had been in the Mayor's office to help identify pictures of the Cemetery marker repairs that Mr. Milano had made. They did not know exactly what the pictures were but they pointed out the markers that Mr. Milano has fixed and has billed the City for. Mr. White has been waiting for a call from Mr. Milano to meet at the Cemetery to stake John Bowman's lot and to see the progress for the new season which as far as Mr. White knows, has not happened yet. Mr. White told Mr. Milano that he could meet him at the Cemetery within an hour's notice almost any day.

**Cahoon House: Indian Artifacts – Matt Smith**

Mr. Smith stated that Nicole Rambo-Ackerman, the Planning Commission Secretary, gave him two cases of the Indian artifacts which she had mounted. The smaller case contains the pipes and other artifacts and the large case holds the arrowheads, spearheads, and knives. The cases look really nice and Mr. Smith

thanked Ms. Rambo-Ackerman for doing that. Mr. Smith said that he contacted Sheri Seroka, who is very active with the Cahoon House, and she met him there and they put the cases on display. Ms. Seroka got a very nice stand for the large case of artifacts and they put the smaller case on a table next to it. In the cases there are numbers next to the different groups of artifacts and there is a paper that he had typed out originally and Ms. Rambo-Ackerman enlarged it and that is out by the table. It looks really, really nice and he appreciates what Ms. Rambo-Ackerman and Ms. Seroka did. So the artifacts are on display for when the Cahoon House opens up next Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and then on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. and then it will be open every Wednesday and Sunday at those times.

### **Landmark Nominations – Ralph White**

Mr. White said that he did not have any nominations at this time.

### **Landmark Letters of Recognition**

Mr. White said that he has a house that they are working on and the address is 4063 Center Road. Mr. White said that he has called the City and gotten the homeowner's name and has researched the architecture of the house and has that ready to go, so the letter should be completed by the next meeting and they can sign it then.

### **Member Comments**

Mr. White stated that he has written a letter to David Morahan thanking him for the work he did on the post for the Bowman marker, for the labor and material. Mr. White said that they could all sign the letter tonight and he will also get the Mayor's signature and Clint Gault's signature and then probably deliver the letter to Mr. Morahan in person.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission Held Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Mr. Smith stated that he wanted to go back for a moment as they needed to vote on the minutes of the last meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission held Wednesday, March 8, 2023, and approve said minutes as published. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

### **Member Comments (continued)**

Mr. Smith stated that on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 P.M., Sheri Seroka will be having a tour of the Cahoon House Museum for people from the Rose Senior Living Facility. Ms. Seroka contacted him and Mr. White and asked them to be available for the tour to answer historical questions about Avon and they both will be there. So that will be a very good activity and he is glad that Ms. Seroka is involved with that.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki asked if they wanted to discuss the Letter of Recognition and Mr. White said that he had talked about that a bit and the letter will be ready for delivery next month. Ms. Murnyack-

Czarnecki said that she could have it ready right then so they could see it. Mr. White asked if she had the information and she said that she did and she just wanted them to see how it would turn out. Mr. White reviewed the letter and after some discussion about the format and language with Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki, suggested a few changes. Mr. White then said that he was pleased with it and it will be available at next month's meeting and they can all sign it then.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Mr. Smith stated that the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the vote was all ayes. The Chairman declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Hayden, Assistant Clerk of Council