

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building  
On Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

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

**Roll Call**

Members: Present –Vice Chairman Ralph White; Lois Shinko; Chairman Matt Smith  
Absent – Clint Gault

**Addition to the Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Shinko to amend the agenda by adding the appearance of Jill Clements, Zoning Enforcement Officer of the City of Avon, in regard to a Demolition Permit. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

**Application for Demolition Permit**

Jill Clements, Zoning Enforcement Officer of the City of Avon, was sworn in by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Clements to give the address of the structure that needs to be demolished and the information about it. He added that he gave the photos to Mr. White and Ms. Shinko and Mr. Gault did see them and for the record, Mr. Gault's opinion was that the building should be demolished.

Ms. Clements stated that the address of the property is 33545 Willo Road and how it came about was that we had some complaints from the back door neighbor in regard to the shape of the barn and the condition of the lot itself, how there is some old miscellaneous junk that needs to get cleaned up. When she first went out there, there was a hole in the barn and you could tell it needed some maintenance around there. They have since repaired it a little bit but it is in our best interest for the homeowner to make the request for the demolition to get it down. For him to do that, the LPC needs to approve the demolition. There is a process that we would have to go through with the Courts to cite him and we do not want to get to that point. We just want him to be able to say that he is able to take it down.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Shinko to grant the demolition permit. The was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed and permission granted for the demolition permit. Mr. Smith signed the permit for Ms. Clements to take to the Building Department.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Shinko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, July 13, 2022, and approve said minutes as published. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

**Landmarks Letter of Recognition – Ralph White**

Mr. White said he did not have anything for this month.

**Landmarks Nominations – Lois Shinko**

Ms. Shinko stated that she did not have anything.

## **Comments**

**Center Cemetery** - Mr. Smith stated that last Friday he went to Milano Monuments with Rick Varga, City of Avon Certified Arborist, as they were doing Tree Commission work out there but Mr. Smith also wanted to speak with Milano Monuments about the Center Cemetery. They met with Zach, who works for Mike Milano and he is aware that the City of Avon is on their agenda for working with the Cemetery. He did not give a time but he said that they are well aware of it. Mr. Smith said he was very impressed with their building and everything in it and when he walked in, he knew we were dealing with true professionals. So Mr. Smith said he feels the City of Avon will be in good hands with Milano Monuments dealing with the maintenance of Center Cemetery.

Mr. White said that when he met with Mike Milano at the Cemetery he said that probably nothing would happen until September or October and even that might be pushed back until spring. But Mr. White thought that as long as it is in motion working in that direction, that is good. He said that, in driving by the Cemetery the other day, he noticed a couple stones and does not know if there is another one that has toppled or not. It could just be the light is a certain way when you drive by and you think you see a stone laying down.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. White to mention the 1894 book that he received from the Library and Mr. White stated that Donna Kelly Sprinkle, Director of the Avon Branch Library, gave the book to him. There was more than one copy in the Library System and they are trying to thin some of the duplicates so she offered it to him. It is a very thick book, probably 7" or 8" thick, and is a commemorative book about people in Lorain and Huron Counties. It includes many people from Avon; the life stories of the founders and first settlers are talked about. He bookmarked each Avon resident so that we can go back and easily find them and he would like to somehow copy the pages and put them together in the form of a book and of course it could be online too. Just highlight the Avon people and then possibly add the information from the 1879 book which is also interesting and has a lot of information that this book did not touch on. The 1894 book the Library gave him is just about people, not the cities themselves. Mr. Smith noted that could be a project for the Landmarks Preservation Commission in collaboration with the Avon Historical Society.

Mr. White said that, if they had noticed, the French Creek Tavern is for sale. He does not think it will be up for a demolition permit request because too much money has been invested in it, but he does worry about it as a landmark.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Mr. Smith stated that the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 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. Shinko to adjourn the meeting 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