

Board Meeting

July 13, 2015, Home of Elise Beauregard

Attendees: John Shore, Jen Yaeck, Elise Beauregard, Corey Finkelstein, Thom Paterson, Chris Raible (special invite)

1. Called to order 7:52am

2. Jail

- Long standing agreement between township and BIA that BIA will maintain and open and close the jail. Has been in effect since the 80's.
- Station and the log cabin have their own municipal board. Jail has no such board.
- Needing a paint job which is being done this week (township has agreed to paint it and include in their budget). Kevin Hemsley – Thurs, Fri or Sat. Will paint the walls, the floor and the trim. Covered by the Parks and Rec budget. Stove pipe needs to be repaired. Will not paint the metal bars as this will make it look too shiny. Will keep the rustic look by not painting the bars.
- Corey is going to collect the display box out of the cell and scan the items. He has contacted Steve Sage to see what the township is planning to do in terms of fixing up the jail inside.
- At the moment Josh and Sass Dempsay are not looking after the jail and they don't want to continue to look after the jail. Corey has asked Josh to return the keys and we need a new person to take on this task. Basically the jail needs to be opened and closed everyday in the am and pm for the summer and just on weekends in the spring and fall as well as the odd special occasion when we have a bus tour or something. This person would have to sweep the jail and keep it tidy.
- Chris Raible said he would like to see that there is someone interpreting the jail and caring for it similar to what is happening with the log cabin. Urging us to get the painting done before Saturday as there will be the Garden Tour this weekend and the log cabin is involved in the tour. This will be a busy weekend for the jail as well. Proposes that there is a joint committee between the jail and the log cabin. Key should be available in the log cabin so that the volunteers can open the jail if it is not open. Josh has keys. Corey will contact him today to get the keys back.
- Tom mentioned that we should contact Purple Hills. They put in a few historical plaques about 4 years ago. There was supposed to be a 2nd phase, but nothing has been done. Chris has pressed them a couple of times and has not had any luck getting an answer, so he has stopped.
- There needs to be an exhibit in the jail so that the history is available for the tourists. There are tour buses that come to town for the jail. We need some type of attractive media in the jail that helps to explain the history.
- Log cabin is open from May long weekend to Thanksgiving.
- John Shore asked, shouldn't the log cabin board assume responsibility for the jail as well. Chris said he is open to that, and would like to the log cabin board to negotiate with the Township and BIA. But cannot speak for the whole board.
- John said that BIA cannot afford to hire someone at this point.
- Discussed Brandon as a possibility to sweep out the jail once a week. We will ask him to take this on.

- Unlocking in the morning and locking in the evenings. Steve Davenport or the Library to open and close? John is going to try Steve on Friday to see if this will be a possibility. Will contact him for opening and closing and for maintenance.
- Signage – Corey would like to scan all of the documents in the box inside the jail cell and then create an exhibit. He will also submit a design for the sign. Corey said that he could have a quote ready and some idea of a sign design. Deadline next Friday.

3. Signage

- Jen will pick up the signs from Gary Page today and drop them off at Josh Dempsey's house. New sign at Jug City- Josh can cement in the post. Confirm the bottom height of the sign and where the posts can be put in the ground. Thom will check with Gerry on these issues. Then Thom will contact Josh to set up installation.

Street signs – If Gerry agrees today, Thom will put the new wood signs into the old steel posts. The Township is not going to be able to commit to full installation until the fall.

- Discussed the TOD Sign on 124 – Shannon Bateman is the contact person. Dave Huskinson emailed her and she is putting it off. Elise is going to call her and follow up on this.

4. Membership

- Need to have more votes so members become more vested.

5. Township

- We need to ask for funding. A lot of money is going to Stayner this year and it seems that there is not equality in what is coming to Creemore. We need to start pushing for this. We need a formal agreement for some of our planning.

6. Strategic Planning

- Elise is going to message Betty about Strategic planning session notes

7. Third signing authority

- Question was raised by John Shore if we should have a third signing authority on the BIA account. Elise was nominated. First motion forwarded by Corey, second motion by Jennifer. All present were in favour.

8. Pam and Thom will have a meeting. All committees should be committees of council. We will reconvene to discuss Monday July 20th, 7pm. John Shore's house.

9. Horse and Hound Parade

- Would like to meet with the BIA to discuss. They want to change it and make it bigger, more advertising. Want to collaborate with us. Can meet with them for ½ hour before general meeting on Aug 12th.

Adjournment