City of Neillsville Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:00 pm. City Hall – 106 W Division St, Neillsville WI

MINUTES

- Meeting Called to Order by Chair Natalie Erpenbach at 6:00 pm.
- On Roll Call: Natalie Erpenbach, Nicki Keller, Jeff Kluckhohn, Dan Clough, Dawn Voss and Barb Miller. All present.
- A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Clough and seconded by Miller. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- A Motion to approve July 16, 2025, HPC Meeting minutes were made by Keller and seconded by Kluckhohn. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.
- Citizen appearances None.

New Business:

The meeting was called to discuss the recently announced grant opportunity through the National Park Service – the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program.

- This grant opportunity was announced July 22, 2025 and has a submission deadline of 11 am CST on August 21, 2025.
- 2. Erpenbach had printed the Funding opportunity details and reviewed the requirements with the group. Consensus needs to be reached on whether to apply for this grant this year as it is due in 3 weeks.
 - a. Erpenbach feels that writing the grant can be accomplished but it will be a substantial effort to get all parts written, and in final file format.
 - b. The group discussed several requirements and the likelihood of our application being selected this year. [\$10 million available for probable 13 awards being made.] Wisconsin has never received one. One requirement is related to the Nation's 250th anniversary in 2026.
 - Discussed what the sub-grant award process would look like and how it would be administered.
 - d. Discussed requirement of Project subrecipients having a limited term easement on their properties for work done with sub grant funds.
- 3. After discussion, consensus of the group was to write the application as an exercise for this year and using the process as a way to learn how to prepare a solid application a year from now. No further discussion or action taken.
- A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Kluckhohn to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Voice vote, all aye, motion carried.

Next meeting of HPC is scheduled for September 17, 2025, at 6 pm.

Matalie K Erpenbach, Commission Chair