

TIOGA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM
Board of Directors

Meeting of November 19, 2015

The board of the Tioga Museum met on November 19, 2015 with the following members present:

Jimmie Lewis	Mary Durusau	Wayne Ryan
John DuFour	Carolyn Hataway	Sandra Bracknell
Davon Moreau	Michael Wynn	Melvyn Bowie
Betty Longino	Melba LaCroix	

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ryan.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. The donation of the shotgun house has been rescinded.

Mrs. Mary Durusau from the State Department gave an update on the museum. The roof needs repairing and the state has suspended the repairs. The contractor Miguez/DeLoach has serious concerns about the integrity of the structural issues and these must be addressed before the roof can be done.

Cost to stabilize would be very expensive and could cost \$233,000 to stabilize. If more problems were uncovered such as cracked piers, the price could go up.

Problems:

- 1) Beams are missing.
- 2) Piers under building are irregularly spaced. Sometimes they do not always align with columns inside the building.
- 3) Existing timber building ceiling beams are insufficient to carry the live load. That is what's keeping the roof from being replaced.
- 4) Several piers are tilted or cracked. Shims no longer touch the floor joists.
- 5) Soil under the building is very wet. Doesn't drain well and air conditioning leaking could be a problem. Somewhere a plumbing pipe is draining under the building.

An extensive study was made by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson. The problems as noted must be addressed before the roof can be repaired.

All state funds were swept away because of falling revenues. Revenues are off \$350 million. Tax credits are being called in because they will be eliminated.

\$150,000 was requested through the capital outlay money, but more detailed plans must be made.

Parts of the building are in good shape. State grants must be detailed perfectly. The process is a long process.

The roof could be coated to help stop the leaks. Tarps could possibly be used to keep the interior dry.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. An option has been discussed to return the building to the local community. If done, the locals could possibly find funds locally.
2. Mrs. LaCroix's schedule is now 8-4 two days a week.
3. Memorial Plaza has 25 new bricks to be engraved.
4. The phone needs to be re-routed to the Barber Shop/Office.
5. New computer needed since old one will not load up training in SAP.
6. The Christmas party is to be December 15 at the Tioga Baptist Church with the Tioga Alumni Association.
7. Partner with the new facility at Mac's Grocery to evaluate antiques.
8. All items must be boxed up and moved out of the museum in case of a storm causing damage. The red building could be sealed off to secure museum items and an air conditioner installed to control the temperature. Perhaps the state could find funds for the enclosure.

Motion to adjourn was made by John DuFour, seconded by Sandra Bracknell. Motion carried.

Carolyn Hataway
Recording Secretary

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