

GRIGNON MANSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Gavin Schmitt, at 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Services Building, Hydro View Room.

Roll Call

Present – Gavin Schmitt, Christina Crook, Lyle Hansen, Brian Schuh, John Moore

Absent – Patty Brogan, Bruce Werschem, Brian Buechel

Others in Attendance – Allison Engels

Public Appearances- N/A

Review/Approve Minutes from March 24, 2025 Meeting,

Motion by to approve Minutes, Moore moves, Hansen seconds, Minutes approved.

Report from the City (Engels)

Engels indicated that the archeological dig was of lower Grignon Park area from 4-17-2025 through 4-19-2025. The results will be calculated and they will let us know and provide information to us. The dig is being handled by a different group than previously, this is not through Lawrence University. This dig is with Jordan Karsten (sp) with UW-Oshkosh as a side project. The scope of work was approximately 100 feet behind the home near the blacksmith shop.

Questions from the Board:

Did the area that was dug include the High School Project area. When will the report be completed. Who gets the necessary Public Land Permit.

Answers from Engels:

No, the High School Project area was not included, the report will be completed once the public land permits is secured, the WHS must get the permit.

Upcoming Events:

“Rob Jackels Memorial Car Show” will take place on 8-10-2025 with support from Action Auto, community members and the Friends.

Schmitt questions if there is a “point person” for this event. The Friends have a subcommittee in conjunction with Ed Howard with Action Auto- there will be flyers, other sponsors and through word of mouth. Many would like to assist as it is a memorial event.

Opening Weekend/Tours: Will be the 2nd and 4th weekends starting 6-14-2025 lasting until 8-24-2025.

Civil War Reenactment: 8-23-2025 through 8-24-2025.

Hanson requested information on a Native American Pow-wow this year, Engels indicated due to a scheduling issue, this event is not scheduled.

Report from Friends

No Grignon Friends were in attendance to provide a report

Report from the Chair

No current chair- N/A

Board discussion on Chair position, a nomination was agreed upon. Crook motioned that Schmitt become Chair, Moore seconded, Motion carries.

Former Chair, Thiele, is supportive of Grignon and will assist in events. Moore volunteered to be the member on the Board from the City Council.

Other Business

Hanson- discussed a possible project/incentive to invite more visitors to the Mansion through the building and utilization of Purple Martin birdhouses for birdwatching. Board would need additional information regarding building costs, etc.

Set Next Meeting Date and Location

Monday, May 19, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in lieu of 5-26-2025 which is Memorial Day, the 5-19 meeting will be in the Hydro View Room.

Adjournment

Motion by Schmitt. Seconded by Crook. Motion unanimously approved, with meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.