



## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Placement of Historical Marker on Krell Property site (north side of Square Lake, east of Livernois, at John's Market, 88-20-03-301-077)

### Background:

- A question arose at a recent City Council Meeting regarding the placement of an historical marker on the city-owned easement adjacent to John's Market, located at 75 E. Square Lake Road.
- In 2002, the parcel of land referred to as the Krell Property was sold by the City of Troy to the owner of John's Market, to be developed as a parking lot.
- The City retained an easement 16' x'30' at the east end of the parcel for placement of an historic marker that would interpret the site of the former Krell farm.
- On May 29, 2002, during a Joint Meeting of the Historical Commission, the Historic District Commission, and the Troy Historical Society, an Ad Hoc Park Committee comprised of representatives from the three groups was formed, under the direction of City Manager John Szerlag, to provide recommendations for this marker. This committee was chaired by Jack Turner.
- According to the minutes of the Ad Hoc Park Committee dated November 19, 2002, any signage or marker recommendations were tabled pending an approved site plan.
  - *"The Ad Hoc Park Committee further recommends tabling a decision regarding potential signage or an historic marker identifying and interpreting the Krell property. To date, plans have not been submitted to, or endorsed by, the Planning Commission. The effectiveness of a sign/marker on the 16' X 30' easement is linked to the design and slope of the parking lot."*
- According to Planning Department records, a rezoning application was submitted and approved by City Council in October of 2002; however, a formal site plan application was never submitted for Planning Commission consideration to construct the parking lot.
- As a result, the Ad Hoc Park Committee never received a site plan to aid in recommending the placement of an historical marker.
- The Ad Hoc Park Committee was disbanded following submission of their final report, in November 2002.
- Copies of the report may be obtained at the Troy Historical Museum.

Financial Considerations:

- None

Legal Considerations:

- None

Policy Considerations:

- None

Options:

- City staff recommends receiving and filing this report.