

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
August 3, 2017
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

L. Atwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

The following Commission members were present: LeeAnn Atwood, Hamilton Hale, Diana Kenney, Lisa Solak, Bob Wyman and Jim Wyman. Ron Scherf arrived at 7:50. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present.

3) Public Comment

No public comment.

4) Approval of Minutes of the June 1, 2017 Regular Meeting

D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 regular meeting. J. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote all members voted aye. Motion passed.

5) 2017 Trolley Tour

The commission recapped the 2017 tour. L. Atwood stated she received positive comments from people on the new location, that it was an interesting change of scenery. H. Hale wondered if they should add another trolley either at the start of the tour or end, for commission members and owners of the featured properties. The Commission discussed that option, stating a few years back they had an additional trolley but it did not fill up and with the rising costs it might not be financially feasible. L. Atwood suggested maybe they hold back a few tickets for day off and the commission members can use those to go on a tour. D. Kenney also suggested that after the first tour the wingmen can be switched out so the other members can go on the tour.

B. Wyman noted that this next year he plans to get quotes from other trolley car companies as the cost from this company keeps rising. They asked staff to present their final numbers from funds collected from ticket sales and

R. Scherf stated that several people he knew wanted to go on the tour, but the ticket prices were too high. They should look at lowering the cost. The Commission stated that with rising costs they would not be able to cover their costs if the ticket prices were reduced.

The Commission members discussed where next year's tour could take place. L. Atwood suggested that people pull out the old books and drive around the areas to see if there would be enough new material for another tour. The four areas discussed were; east of Main Street including 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Sherman Streets; The Gates south of the lake in Lakewood; starting at City Hall including Caroline and Elmhurst; and Rockland, Oriole, Woodstock Streets.

6) Member Inquiries and Reports

B. Wyman discussed that his neighbor approached him about a tree that was in bad shape that was hanging over his Carriage House, which is plaqued. He wondered if funds would be available for tree trimming or removal. Ms. Maxwell stated that she spoke with him and said currently the Ordinance only permits funds for the restoration of the plaqued structure, not

adjacent property or grounds maintenance. This is something the Commission could change if they want. The Commission discussed this

D. Kenney passed out information about a new book the Historical Society is promoting on Swedenberg.

D. Kenney stated that Mary Ott took another full time position and her last day would be the August 13th Summer Sunday with the Park District. If anyone needed to get into the Colonel Palmer House they should contact her

7) **Adjournment**

There being no further business J. Wyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye.