

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
October 3, 2019
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

B. Wyman, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

The following Commission members were present, Hamilton Hale, Nancy Haskins, Diana Kenney, Bob Wyman, and Jim Wyman. Lisa Solak and Ron Scherf were absent. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present. Judi Halter was in the audience.

3) Public Comment

Judi Halter explained that she is interested in joining the commission. Her parents had moved to Crystal Lake in 1956 and she grew up here. She still lives in Crystal Lake and appreciates the history.

4) Approval of Minutes of the August 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

J. Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2019 regular meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Approval of Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Regular Meeting

J. Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2019 regular meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, members N. Haskins, B. Wyman and J. Wyman voted aye, members D. Kenney and H. Hale abstained. Motion passed.

6) 127 College Street – Grant Disbursement

The commission reviewed the photos of the work that was completed along with the list of expenses. They noted that the proposed work did not require a building permit nor a Certificate of Appropriateness. The total expenses equaled \$499.28, which resulted in a 50/50 matching grant disbursement of \$249.64. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the grant disbursement of \$249.64 to Stefano Liparoto at 127 College Street. J. Wyman seconded the motion. On roll vote members H. Hale, N. Haskins, D. Kenney, B. Wyman, and J. Wyman voted aye. No votes against. Motion passed.

7) Member Inquiries and Reports

B. Wyman stated that he was going to start researching trolley car companies to compare prices since prices would increase this year. D. Kenney noted that they still made a large profit and have reserves in the bank. They need to be sure any company can provide exceptional customer service as well not just the lowest cost. J. Wyman asked about possible 2020 tour route. D. Kenney said they could do another Moved and Removed tour, it had been 8 years since the last one and there are still properties that could be done. Staff would provide the 2011 trolley tour book to the commission members and they were asked to come with ideas for homes at the November meeting.

J. Wyman shared an article about the Immanuel Lutheran Church and former school at 174 McHenry Avenue. It would be slated for renovations to residential multi-family. Staff noted

that the petitioner is proposing interior remodeling, but plans to retain most of the exterior as it is. Staff suggested any members attend the conceptual hearing to ask any questions about the proposed renovations and the preservation of the historic church.

N. Haskins also shared an article about the D. Cook publishing building which would be demolished in Elgin. She had worked at the company many years ago, so it was tragic to see the building neglected.

D. Kenney suggested the commission prepare a letter to new owners of historic properties to introduce the commission and explain about the property. She wants to ensure these new owners are aware of the responsibility to preserve the structure and that grants are available. Staff will send a draft to L. Solak so the letter can come from the chairperson.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business, J. Wyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.#