

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
October 1, 2020
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

L. Solak, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

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

3) Public Comment

None.

4) Approval of Minutes of the September 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

J. Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2020 regular meeting. H. seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Crystal Lake Cemetery Grant

Mitchell Hopkins submitted the grant information for the Crystal Lake cemetery cleaning project. The \$500 will be reserved for this project. He will submit receipts showing costs of purchasing the supplies and the grant would be voted on for distribution. H. Hale agreed this was a good project and was very supportive. H. Hale made a motion to approve reserving the grant funds. J. Wyman seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

6) 623 Leonard Parkway

Elizabeth Franz, along with her mother Jane Franz, were present to request some information regarding the possibility of landmarking the property. She stated that they love the house and want to keep the integrity, but there are a lot of projects to do. The seawall needs repair, they have to paint and will need to replace the roof. B. Niequist provided some information about what is protected and what is not. She gave some personal experience with maintaining and enhancing an historic landmark structure.

Ms. Franz stated the structure was built in 1909. There was a fire in the 20s then it was separated from the original Leonard Hotel into the three sections for three residential structures. The cedar shingles may not be original, but that style and similar looking cedar shingles may be original. She asked several questions about what could be changed after the structure was landmarked. The Commission and staff answered her questions about the garage, an exterior patio, and replacing windows. She appreciated the information and would need to talk with the other family members about the house.

7) Solar

Staff shared the State Statute, which stated that homeowner's associations could not prohibit solar power. It did not look like it regulated historic commission's ability to review or deny a project. It was noted that the house near Central High School is obnoxious and looks terrible.

The Ordinance does have standards for solar facilities. The commission agreed to continue to look at these on a case by case basis if any were proposed on plaqued buildings.

8) Member Inquiries and Reports

J. Halter said the Historic Shopkeepers Walk put on by the Historical Society was great. She really enjoyed the characters and the time and effort they put into the event.

Staff passed on some information from D. Kenney. She spoke at the Crystal Lake Park District's Special Projects and Planning Committee meeting about the potential landmarking of the Main Beach building. After answering several questions, the committee was very much in favor of proceeding with looking at plaquing the center building, as the wings were new and not historically significant. The Park District Board of Directors will review and vote on the proposal at their October 15th meeting. D. Kenney plans to attend that meeting as well.

N. Haskins said that Jim Heisler with Heisler's Bootery was on the news. It was a good story about his business.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business, J. Wyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. N. Haskins seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.