

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
November 5, 2020
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

L. Solak, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

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

3) Public Comment

None.

4) Approval of Minutes of the October 1, 2020 Regular Meeting

J. Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2020 regular meeting with noted corrections. H. seconded the motion. All members voted aye with D. Kenney and B. Wyman abstaining. Motion passed.

5) Landmark Program

D. Kenney provided an update on the Main Beach building landmark. She made a presentation to the Park Board and they supported the request. They will make an application to plaque the building, which will coincide with the 100-year anniversary of the establishment of the Park District in November of 1921.

B. Wyman touched base with Elizabeth Franz after the last meeting and the family is still on the fence about plaquing the building. L. Solak said she has not heard back from anyone she sent a letter to. B. Niequist noted the guy in the greenhouse, which might be 40 Caroline was interested. D. Kenney stated she sent him some vintage photos, but had not received any follow up from him.

6) 2021 Trolley Tour

The Commission members had a lot of concern with planning a trolley tour for next year. D. Kenney suggests doing a separate project. B. Wyman suggested the cleaning of the cemeteries would be a good project. D. Kenney noted that the Crystal Lake Historical Society has started a fund for the cemetery cleaning. N. Haskins liked the Downtown business walk so a possible partnership with the Historical Society would be fun. B. Niequist thought that might be a good idea to help get more people into the Downtown.

7) Member Inquiries and Reports

N. Haskins noted that she took a tour through the Immanuel Lutheran church condos. There were four two-story condos or apartments and they did a really good job incorporating original elements from the church into the apartments. She also let everyone know that Elgin did not vote to landmark the David C. Cook building. It will likely fall into complete disrepair and be demolished.

L. Solak said that the Downtown is selling trees to decorate for the Tree Lane display. She wondered if the commission would be interested in purchasing a tree to decorate. There was some interest, but since this was not an item on the agenda they could not vote to approve the funds to purchase the tree and the decorating supplies. This could be a project for next year.

B. Niequist said that the Park District is selling Adirondack chairs to be decorated. They will sit out at Main Beach for the summer and then the owner can pick them up in the fall.

9) Adjournment

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