

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
January 7, 2021
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 December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2020 regular meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Election of Officers

D. Kenney made a motion to nominate Lisa Solak to the Chair position and Bob Wyman to the Vice-Chair position. H. Hale seconded the motion. On voice vote, members H. Hale, J. Halter, N. Haskins, D. Kenney, B. Niequist, L. Solak, B. Wyman and J. Wyman all voted aye. There were no votes opposed. Motion passed.

6) 2021 Projects

H. Hale stated that the cemetery is a good project for the commission. He suggests increasing knowledge and support for the project and having people sponsor a headstone, it could be relatives or just general public that could help offset some costs. D. Kenney noted that the Crystal Lake Historical Society has a fund set up, which J. Wyman seeded, to take donations for the headstone cleaning.

J. Wyman asked if the Commission needs to seek permission from descendants, the Algonquin Township before the can touch the headstones. D. Kenney noted it is difficult to find any descendants since these stones represent people from 5+ generations ago. J. Wyman asked what would happen if the Algonquin Township was abolished. No one knew, but there is protection for cemeteries.

J. Wyman noted that under the description it states educational opportunities. He has done school presentations before and he knows that D. Kenney has made presentations. It would be great to do presentations and local field trips for people or the schools.

L. Solak said the Commission has had some good ideas over the years, from the self-guided walking tour to the plaques for restored homes. She suggested members think about certain projects and they could create a schedule or priority list at the next meeting.

7) Member Inquiries and Reports

None.

8) 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 8:13 p.m.