

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
March 4, 2021
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, Judi Halter, Nancy Haskins, Diana Kenney, Brittany Niequist, and Bob Wyman. Lisa Solak and Jim Wyman were absent. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present.

3) Public Comment

None.

4) Approval of Minutes of the February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting

H. Hale made a requested change to the minutes to clarify his leaving last month's meeting early to attend a previous commitment. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, from the February 4, 2021 regular meeting. N. Haskins seconded the motion. All members voted aye, B. Niequist abstained. Motion passed.

5) 2021 Projects

B. Wyman updated the commission members on his conversations with Elizabeth Franz. At this time, the family does not want to pursue the landmark status of the house. They are looking to do window repair and he thanked the commission for providing him a good window repair contact, which he provided to her. They inquired about grants and were told they are ineligible unless their house is landmarked.

D. Kenney confirmed that the Park District is moving forward with their landmarking of the Main Beach building. They plan to have an event in November. A plaque will need to be ordered for the building and Ms. Maxwell said she can check on the lead time for ordering to delivery.

B. Wyman asked about the Veterans that still needed to be researched. D. Kenney said she would email him the remaining names. She received several write up already, J. Wyman did 3 Veterans, N. Haskins did 1 and she has done a few herself.

B. Wyman asked about the cemetery cleaning. D. Kenney said after the scouts get in to do the work for the Eagle Scout project it would be good for the commission to have a work day where everyone can see the proper cleaning process. Ms. Maxwell said that the commission would be covered by the City's insurance provided they are acting in official commission business. D. Kenney also noted that Elaine Ramesh lost the election for Township Supervisor so she is no longer on the board. She was a champion for this project. Randy Funk is the new Township Supervisor and she knows him, he may still be a good sympathetic ear regarding the cemetery preservation.

6) Member Inquiries and Reports

B. Wyman contacted the trolley car company and got a price quote. The trolleys would be about \$1,100 right now so they can expect that to increase for 2022 pricing, so they can start to think about budgeting \$2,600 for trolleys for next spring.

D. Kenney said the Historical Society held a Zoom meeting which talked with the Park District about their 100-year celebration. The meeting will be on the Society's website so anyone who was not able to attend can view the presentation. There is currently a new part-time worker at the Colonel Palmer House, which is back open. He is pursuing holding a parlour game event at the House starting with chess and having a tournament. It should be good fun and get new people interested in some of the history of the area.

D. Kenney noted that she is doing a private research project about the correct pronunciation of Nunda. The Nunda in Crystal Lake was established by settlers from Nunda, New York. They pronounce it like Nun Day. She also found three other Nundas in the Midwest, one in Minnesota, one in South Dakota and one in Michigan. So far she has found a connection from the New York settlers from Crystal Lake to also move to Minnesota.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business, D. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. H. Hale seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.