

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
July 8, 2021
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

L. Solak 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 June 3, 2021 Regular Meeting

D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2021 regular meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. All members voted aye. H. Hale and L. Solak abstained. Motion passed.

5) Landmark Designation – 300 Lake Shore Drive – Main Beach Building – Public Hearing

The Commission held the public hearing on the request by the Crystal Lake Park District to landmark the Main Beach Building. Jason Herbster, Executive Director for the Park District, was present to represent the petition. Mr. Herbster presented the background information. He stated that the Park District was founded because there was a community need to preserve public access to the lake. The Park District is celebrating their 100 year anniversary this year and this building has always been an iconic symbol of the Park District.

D. Kenney stated that the Park District has been good stewards of the land and this is one of the top most recognizable buildings in Crystal Lake. The building is 95 years old and has been restored and maintained over the years. The arched windows were put back in and the original tile roof was reinstalled. D. Kenney led the commission members in reviewing the landmark criteria. The commission members noted that this building and organization checked almost every single box for being appropriate to landmark.

D. Kenney made a motion to recommend the Main Beach Building for landmark protection. B. Niequist seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

6) Demolition Permit – 114 Minnie Street

Staff noted that the home and the garage are in poor shape and they need to be removed for life safety concerns. B. Niequist noted that the carriage barn on the adjacent property should be saved. Staff noted that those were likely the next structures that could be demolished. The commission did not find anything significantly historic about the house and garage and noted the structures were in bad shape. They had no objection to the demolition.

7) 2021 Projects – Lake Avenue Cemetery and Veteran’s Research Book

The Commission discussed the work at the Lake Avenue Cemetery. Many of the members had taken a work day and cleaned some additional headstones. Some members returned to do an additional cleaning and noticed the already present changes. The other members would get over there to finish up the cleaning. The job was very fun and satisfying to see the change in the brightness and how much better the stones look. B. Niequist will take the after pictures.

J. Wyman noted he spoke with Tony Zoia and he would not be able to do any structural work at the cemetery until next year. The commission said they would try to call around to other monument companies that can take care of historic stones.

The commission discussed the research book. D. Kenney noted that she has sent a few articles to Nancy for formatting. The other members needed to do their research and start sending in articles.

8) Member Inquiries and Reports

The Commission would like to discuss the trolley tour at the next meeting.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business, J. Wyman a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.