

MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
October 10, 2013
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

B Alt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

The following Commission members were present: Tom Nemcek, Bob Wyman, and Brice Alt. Lee Ann Atwood arrived at 7:36 p.m. Michelle Rozovics arrived at 7:39 p.m. Diana Kenney and Brenda Sompolski were absent. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present. Ann Viger, petitioner for the Colonel Palmer House, was in the audience.

3) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4) Approval of Minutes of the September 5, 2013 Regular Meeting

T. Nemcek made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2013 regular meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Colonel Palmer House Grant Disbursement

The Commission reviewed the request to disburse the \$500 grant funds for the painting of the Colonel Palmer House. The total cost for the painting was over \$14,000. T. Nemcek made a motion to approve the grant disbursement. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

6) Colonel Palmer House Certificate of Appropriateness

Ann Viger, with the Crystal Lake Park District, presented the plans illustrating the accessible ramp construction, the porch repairs and the relocated landscape areas. A. Viger explained that the existing wheelchair lift is no longer working and repair parts cannot be obtained. They would need to construct a ramp to ensure they are in compliance. B. Wyman stated that he felt the porch materials should be wood only. A. Viger showed the material samples from AZEK, which is a composite wood. T. Nemcek said the Park District could use tongue and groove Wolmanized® wood. A. Viger narrated the changes to the Colonel Palmer House over the years and the addition of the porch. T. Nemcek said that the ramp could be the AZEK materials and the porch could be stained to match that gray color. He also stated that the porch including the railings and spindles would need to be wood. B. Alt pointed out that there are two hand rails that must be metal for ADA compliance along the porch stairs. T. Nemcek decided to split the vote.

T. Nemcek make a motion to approve the ramp regardless of the materials provided it matched the site layout and style illustrated. B. Alt seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion passed.

T. Nemcek made a motion to approve the plan for the porch allowing the repairs provided the Park District used like materials including wood for the floor boards, railings, posts, spindles, etc., but not the ADA regulated items like the metal hand rail. B. Alt seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted aye.

7) Centennial History Committee

E. Maxwell stated that there was an article in today's Northwest Herald about the Historical Monthly Speaker Series. The first presentation is this Sunday.

8) Trolley Tour Discussion

B. Alt was excited about the tour and wanted to do the "Tree Streets," as the theme. B. Wyman will contact the trolley tour company to reserve the trolleys. The Commission stated that they need to have an arborist come out and try to date some of the trees along the route. They want the tour to be part trees, part architecture. Once the full group is present they will discuss the ideas further.

9) Member Inquiries and Reports

T. Nemcek informed the commission that they were able to do a silent movie at the Raue Center in August. He stated they were having trouble finding feature length productions as many have been lost due to fire or poor preservation.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.