



MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commissioners

FROM: Tami Urish, Planner I

MEETING

DATE: July 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission; Annual Report 2023

Attached is the draft 2023 Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report. This will be voted upon at the July 16 meeting and forwarded to the Village Board.

Action Requested

Staff recommends the Commissioners approve the 2023 Annual Report as submitted.

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LHPC 2023 Annual Report

2023 was a year of transition and rebuilding for the Commission.

Chairperson Rita Schnieder, Vice Chairman Brigitte O'Brien, Commissioner Lynn O'Donnell and Commissioner Jason Sanders resigned their positions. In addition, long-time Commissioner Pat Poskocil passed away. The timing and extent of the vacancies resulted in the cancellation of the July and October 2023 meetings. There were no open landmark designation applications before the commission within that time frame.

The January 17 meeting reviewed the development process for the Illinois Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. The completed plan may be viewed at the www.illinoispreservationplan.com.

The 2022 budget came in under projections. Roof replacement at the Victorian Cottage and weed control for the cemetery were included in the development of the 2023 budget.

The April 18 Commission meeting resulted in the approval of an updated Historical Museum Use Agreement for the property at 23 W Maple. Due to the completion of the Carriage House addition, a new agreement was in order as the last update occurred in 2018.

In October, Bill Heniff, Director of Community Development and Liz Brezinski, Village Clerk began the formal process of reviewing individuals who expressed an interest in volunteering for the Historical Commission. Over the course of three different dates, they met with all interested parties to discuss the work, purpose and expectations of the Commission. Lyn Myers, Preservation Commission secretary, attended all meetings as well. At the end of the process, the individuals were offered seats on the Commission and all six individuals accepted. They are - Chelsey Alsobrook, Mandy Von Bokern, Heather Paris, Randy Pruyn, Sandi Smith and Leslie Sulla. The addition of new commissioners, along with the 5 seated commissioners, brings the group to its full contingent of 11.