



# Village of Lombard

Village Hall  
255 East Wilson Ave.  
Lombard, IL 60148  
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## Minutes

### Lombard Historic Preservation Commission

*Rita Schneider, President*  
*Tom Feters, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien,*  
*Lyn Myers, Pat Poskocil, Marcy Novak,*  
*Jennifer Henaghan, Stephanie Zabela,*  
*Bob Wardzala and Lynn O'Donnell*  
*Leslie Sulla Ex-Officio Member - Leslie Sulla*  
*Village Liaison - Sharon Kuderna*  
*Village Liaison - Tami Urish*

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Tuesday, January 9, 2018

7:30 PM

Community Room

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### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

*Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.*

*Chairperson Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### Roll Call

**Present** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Feters, Eileen Mueller, Jennifer Henaghan, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, and Bob Wardzala

**Absent** 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

*Also Present: Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk, Village Liaison; Tami Urish, Planner I, Staff Liaison and Leslie Sulla, Ex-Officio Member*

### Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Henaghan, and seconded by Commissioner Feters, the minutes of the October 17, 2017 were approved with no changes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

### Public Hearings

*There were no members of the public present.*

### Chairman's Report

*No Remarks*

## Reports

### A. Local Landmarks - Eileen Mueller

*The Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (IAHPC) presented the award for excellence on December 2, 2017 to the Illinois Prairie Path signs. Commissioner Mueller brought the trophy for another Commissioner to take home. The Commissioners would like the award to be displayed at Village Hall as well. Commissioner Mueller also distributed a copy of the Illinois Prairie Path newsletter with an article about the signs. Commissioners discussed submitting an application for the 2018 NAPC (National Alliance of Preservation Commissions) Preservation Excellence Awards for the Illinois Prairie Path signs.*

**On a motion made by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil to approve the expenditure for an application fee (\$25) nominating the project for education and historic outreach to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' Preservation Excellence Awards.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Jennifer Henaghan, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, and Bob Wardzala

**Absent:** 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

### B. Finance

*Chairperson Schneider stated that the budget ending in 2017 was slightly under budget.*

### C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

*Commissioner Poskocil stated that she has met with the Executive Director, Sarah Richardt, and has no concerns to report.*

### D. Ex-Officio Report - Leslie Sulla

*Lombard Historical Society President, Leslie Sulla, distributed copies of the following report as summarized:*

- *Annual Report including income (\$30,749 compared to \$26,936 in 2016) and visitor counts (10,067 compared to 10,243 in 2016).*
- *The foundation project for the Peck Homestead is complete with a final cost of \$38,812.*
- *Museum staff redesigned the Peck homestead with the east wing a Peck Playroom with hands-on activities and the middle room a parlor.*
- *Euchre Society (Euchre games once/month at Carriage House)*
- *Kim Goes Wild (staff member Kim White shares nature/animals to kids)*
- *Needle Works (staff member Colette supervises - bring your own knitting/crocheting/etc. for social time; these will not be lessons)*
- *Trainspotting (Carl Shaver talks trains at the Peck twice/month)*
- *Spirits Fest will be held the Friday night before the Saturday Ale Fest in June. LHS will receive 1/3 of the ticket proceeds (Est \$8-9000)*
- *LHS will no longer host the Civil War Encampment. Steadily decreasing visitor numbers and donations along with the large percentage of staff time necessary to plan the event from January to July make the encampment difficult to justify. The Civil War donations should be replaced and exceeded by the Spirits Fest.*

#### **E. Lombard Cemetery - Tom Fetters**

*Commissioner Fetters reported no concerns for the cemetery.*

#### **F. National Register Work for Sheldon Homestead**

*Commissioner Poskocil stated that the application is still on hold. Chairperson Schneider reported that Senator Nybo's Chief of Staff, Laura Fitzpatrick, was instrumental in investigating the delay of the Village's Certified Local Government*

*application. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that when the Village resubmits the Peck Homestead for the National Register of Historic Places, she would like to be kept informed so that she can track the progress as well.*

### **G. Heritage Award - Lyn Myers**

*Commissioner Myers summarized the presentation of the William J Mueller Heritage Award at the Village Board meeting on October 19th. Pat Poskocil for Lifetime Achievement and the Rudman Family for Education/Advocacy were all present to receive their awards*

### **H. Historical Survey, Part 2**

*Chairperson Schneider reported that the 2016 survey discs were delivered to Jean Cooper. The index of all the surveys was discussed. Commissioner Myers suggested creating a searchable database from the index. Commissioner Fetters stated that 305 Morningside appeared to be missing from the index. Ms. Urish responded that it was listed under Mid-Century Modern as Mr. Gilbert the author of the survey identified it. Commissioner Fetters requested a Lustron category so that since one is identified all the others could be listed. Chairperson Schneider stated that the surveys are templates while prepared by Douglas Gilbert are owned by the Village and can be altered by the Collections Assistant. Based on this, a Lustron subcategory can be created*

### **I. Certified Local Government**

*Chairperson Schneider stated that Laura Fitzpatrick, Senator Nybo's Chief of Staff, investigated the delay of the Village's application of November 30, 2016 in early November 2017. Thanks to her inquiries the application approval from the state was obtained on November 27, 2017. Chairperson Schneider indicated that the letter received from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service is undated and she would contact Ms. Brown for a replacement with a date. Commissioners discussed possible projects to consider for the grant application process that will be closing soon. Chairperson Schneider indicated that typical past grants for other municipalities are within the range of \$5,000-\$7,000 for generally historic surveys and National Register of Historic Places applications. Chairperson Schneider received quotes for preparing an application at approximately \$20,000. In the past, volunteers submitted National*

*Register of Historic Places applications for the Maple Street Chapel and the DuPage Theater without hiring a professional grant writer. With the exception of the Peck Homestead due to numerous complexities, future applications could be managed by volunteers as well. There are expenses entailed with the applications such as copying oversized plans and high resolution copies of photographs and other incidentals. Commissioners discussed possible candidates in addition to the Peck Homestead as Lilacia Park and 101 W. St. Charles Road. Commissioners also discussed preparing a plan by listing then ranking preservation projects for future grant requests.*

**On a motion made by Commissioner Zabela and seconded by Commissioner Myers to submit a grant application for ancillary support for one or more applications for National Register of Historic Places with a maximum request of \$2,500.**

**The motion carried the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Jennifer Henaghan, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, and Bob Wardzala

**Absent:** 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

## Planner's Report

*Commissioners requested an update regarding 305 Morningside. Ms. Urish stated that the procedure for obtaining permits for the work done is underway. Commissioner Myers inquired if the Village attorney was able to give guidance regarding the plaque ownership. Ms. Urish responded that the Village attorney conveyed that a "review of the Village Code reveals no provisions that address the "landmark site" plaques, that the Village provides to the property owner upon designation of the property as a "landmark site," after going through the process set forth in Section 32.079 of the Village Code. As such, unless the property owner is advised that the plaque remains the property of the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission, the plaque would become the property of the property owner upon the plaque being given to the property owner." Commissioner Myers requested that modifying the Village code so that the Village owns the plaque to be investigated. Commissioner Henaghan suggested that if the date designated is not on the plaque perhaps that could be added in the future.*

**On a motion made by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil to direct staff to contact the Village Attorney to ask how the Commission can protect local landmark plaques.**

**The motion carried by the following votes:**

**Aye:** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Jennifer Henaghan, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, and Bob Wardzala

**Absent:** 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

## Unfinished Business

*None.*

## New Business

### 170550

#### **2017 Annual Report**

Review of the Historic Preservation Commission's 2017 Annual Report to the Village Board.

Commissioners reviewed the annual report and had four minor spelling/date corrections to offer.

**On a motion made by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Fetters to approve the 2017 annual report with noted changes.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Jennifer Henaghan, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, and Bob Wardzala

**Absent:** 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

### 170551

#### **Perspective Commissioner Replacement**

*Commissioners discussed the merits of the two candidates.*

**On a motion made by Commissioner Fetters and seconded by Commissioner Novak to recommend the nomination of Lynn O'Donnell to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacated Commissioner position.**

**Aye:** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Jennifer Henaghan, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, and Bob Wardzala

**Absent:** 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

## Adjournment

**On a motion by Commissioner Poskocil and seconded by Commissioner Henaghan, and all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**