



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Lombard Historic Preservation Commission

Rita Schneider, President
Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien,
Richard Anstee, Lyn Myers, Pat Poskocil,
Jack Jones, Marcy Novak, Jennifer Henaghan
and Stephanie Zabela
Jennifer Henaghan - Ex-Officio Member
Village Liaison - Tami Urish

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

7:30 PM

Lombard Village Hall - Community Room

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Chairperson Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Present** 9 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien, Richard Anstee, Patricia Poskocil, Jack Jones, Marcy Novak, and Stephanie Zabela
- Absent** 2 - Jennifer Henaghan, and Lyn Myers

Also present: Tami Urish, Planner I, Staff Liaison; Tom Masterson, petitioner; Jean Cooper, Lombard Historical Society's Collections Assistant.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Fetters and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil, to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 19, 2016 with the following change: replace the portion of the last sentence under E. Lombard Cemetery "associated with each war" with "and a history of the US flag and mini tours of Veteran's graves." The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Public Participation

There were no other members of the public present.

Chairman's Remarks

None

Reports

A. Local Landmarks - Eileen Mueller

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Local Landmarks: 128 - 132 W. St. Charles Road

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the property at 128-132 W. St. Charles Road meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site. (DISTRICT #1)

Commissioner Mueller updated the Commission that the signage project for the Illinois Prairie Path is near completion and will forward final corrections to the sign company.

Commissioner Mueller reported that the Committee received an application for a Local Landmark from the property owner of 128-132 W. St. Charles Road, Tom Masterson. The Committee voted to recommend the application to the Commission based on two of the criteria listed under Section 32.079(C)(1) and (3). Mr. Masterson argued his case that criteria 32.079(C)(2) should also be included due to the significance of the Canfields.

On a motion by Commissioner Fetters and seconded by Commissioner Anstee, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 9-0 to accept the application for 128-132 W. St. Charles Road with a preliminary conclusion as a landmark site based on Section 32.079(C)(1), (2) and (3). Staff was directed to schedule the public hearing for August 9, 2016.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of holding the Finding of Fact meeting immediately following the public hearing and requested staff to investigate this option.

B. Finance - Richard Anstee

Commissioner Anstee reported that the 2017 proposed budget was adjusted per the executive director, Sarah Richardt's request.

C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

Commissioner Poskocil reported that the executive director, Sarah

Richardt, with staff and volunteers has been busy working on the Civil War Reenactment among other duties.

D. Ex-Officio Report - Jennifer Henaghan

None

E. Lombard Cemetery - Tom Feters

Commissioner Feters reported that a meeting has not been held since the previous Commission meeting therefore nothing to report.

F. National Register Work for Sheldon Peck Homestead

Commissioner Poskocil reported that on May 23, William Aylsworth Kennedy and his family visited the Peck Homestead. Kennedy is the great-great grandchild of John Aylsworth whose portrait was painted by Sheldon Peck in 1836. The family had recently discovered the painting was an original Peck portrait and transferred ownership of the painting to the Yale University Art Gallery in 2014. The Historical Society is in the processes of having a copy made of the portrait for the collections.

On July 1 the Peck Homestead hosted Nebraska high school teacher Barry Jurgensen during his 527-mile walk from Nebraska to Chicago to bring attention to modern day slavery and the Underground Railroad. Also speaking on the topic was Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives cofounders Robert Benz and Kenneth B. Morris Jr. Morris is a direct descendent of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington. Attendees included Gene Mertz, Robert Mertz and Cindy Viscariello which are all descendants of Sheldon Peck.

At both events, application for the National Register was discussed and met with enthusiastic encouragement.

G. Heritage Award - Lyn Myers

Chairperson Schneider distributed Commissioner Myers' written report:

At our January meeting the Commissioners agreed to move the selection for the Heritage Award into the 2nd quarter of the year. This allows the Commission to review nominations and recommendation during regularly scheduled quarterly meetings. The award would still be presented at a Village Board meeting in October to coincide with

History month.

For the first year of the schedule change, the time period between solicitations for nominations was condensed. An article was printed in the Lombard Pride outlining the nomination process along with the new deadline of June 3. Nominations were also solicited on the Village and Commission pages of the website. We did not receive any nominations.

I did not follow through on the new deadline as well as I could have and will work to setup a formal schedule for all the steps in the nomination and selection process to be reviewed at our next meeting. The award was established with the understanding that it might not be given every year if a suitable nomination was not received.

H. Historical Survey, Part 2

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Local Landmark Survey

Discussion relative to updating the inventory of local landmarks.
(DISTRICTS - ALL)

Chairperson Schneider reported that Douglas Gilbert has completed the corrections and the survey is complete. Jean Cooper noted that many of the homes identified as mid-century modern will require further research of the original home owners. Ms. Cooper requested that Commissioners forward her any addresses that could be potential candidates for next year's survey.

On a motion by Commissioner Poskocil and seconded by Commissioner Mueller, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 9-0 to recommend approval of the 2015 Local Landmarks Survey prepared by Douglas Gilbert.

Planner's Report

None

Unfinished Business

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Certified Local Government (CLG)

Discussion relative to applying for Certified Local Government status.
(DISTRICTS - ALL)

The Commissioners discussed the CLG program in addition to reviewing other villages including Plainfield, Glen Ellyn and Downers Grove that are currently CLG members.

On a motion by Commissioner Anstee and seconded by Commissioner Fetters, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 9-0 to recommend applying for the Certified Local Government program.

New Business

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Anstee and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil, and all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.