

**To:** Honorable President and Board of Trustees

**From:** William T. Lichter, Village Manager

**Date:** May 23, 2007

**Subject:** **Nomination of Sheldon Peck Homestead as a Landmark Historic Structure**

Attached is a letter from the Lombard Historical Society nominating the Sheldon Peck Homestead for recognition as a Landmark Site under the Village's Historical Commission ordinance (Sections 32.075 through 32.079 of the Village Code). Also attached is a memorandum from the Village Attorney outlining the steps to be followed for the Landmark Site designation process.

As indicated in Mr. Bayer's memorandum, if the Lombard Historical Society and the Village of Lombard would like to have the Peck House designated as a Landmark Site, the initial step is for the Society, with consent of the Village, to make a written request to the Lombard Historical Commission for Landmark Site designation. The Commission would thereafter proceed in a manner indicated in Mr. Bayer's memorandum.

Should the Landmark Site designation ultimately be granted to the Peck House, the implications are as follows:

1. Prior to any alteration, removal in part, new construction reconstruction, restoration, remodeling or other modification of the Peck House, a "certificate of appropriateness" would need to be obtained from the Historical Commission (see Sections 32.079(E) and (F) of the Village Code).
2. Demolition of the Peck House could be delayed by the Historical Commission for a period of up to six (6) months (see Section 32.079(E)(3) of the Village Code).

The purpose of this agenda item is to determine if the Board of Trustees concurs with the request of the Historical Society. If you do, it is recommended that a motion be approved indicating your concurrence and requesting that a letter be sent to the Historical Commission stating that the Village concurs with the request of the Lombard Historical Society to seek Landmark Site designation for the Sheldon Peck Homestead.