

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

 X Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) X *Waiver of First Requested*
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
_____ Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: May 9, 2016 (B of T) Date: May 19, 2016

TITLE: Historical Commission Name Change

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Community Development *ND*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Your Historical Commission submits for your consideration its recommendation on the above referenced item. This item was placed on the agenda for the regularly scheduled Historical Commission meeting of April 19, 2016.

The Historical Commission recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 11-0.

The petitioner requests a waiver of first reading of the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:


Review (as necessary):
Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager

FROM: William J. Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development 

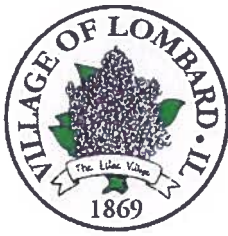
DATE: May 19, 2016

SUBJECT: **Historical Commission Name Change**

Please find the following items for Village Board consideration as part of the May 19, 2016 Village Board meeting:

1. Historical Commission referral letter;
2. An Ordinance granting approval of the requested name change from Lombard Historical Commission to Lombard Historic Preservation Commission;
3. Memo to staff by the Historical Commission Chairperson outlining an explanation.

The Historical Commission recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 11-0. Please place this petition on the May 19, 2016 Board of Trustees consent agenda. The petitioner requests a waiver of first reading of the Ordinance.



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May 19, 2016

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"Our shared Vision for Lombard is a community of excellence exemplified by its government working together with residents and businesses to create a distinctive sense of spirit and an outstanding quality of life."

"The Mission of the Village of Lombard is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."

Mr. Keith Giagnorio
Village President, and
Board of Trustees
Village of Lombard

Subject: Historical Commission Name Change

Dear President and Trustees:

Your Historical Commission submits for your consideration its recommendation on the above referenced item. This item was placed on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of April 19, 2016.

Chairperson Schneider distributed the memo she had sent to Village staff prior to the meeting (the memo was also mailed to all Commissioners in advance of the meeting). The memo outlines the reasons that Chairperson Schneider is requesting the name change. The most important reason is to eliminate the confusion between the Lombard Historical Commission and the Lombard Historical Society. Both names are too similar to each other and there is a misconception that they are the same organization. She noted that 58 out of the 79 Historic Commissions that she research in the area, had the word Preservation in their title. Therefore changing the name of the Lombard Historical Commission to the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission is proposed.

On a motion by Commissioner Fetters, and a second by Commissioner Henaghan, that the Historical Commission recommend to change the name from the Lombard Historical Commission to the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission by a vote of 11 to 0 to the Village Board.

Respectfully,

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

Rita Schneider
Chairperson
Historical Commission

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III., CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE VI.,
SECTIONS 32.075, 32.077, 32.078 AND 32.079 OF
THE LOMBARD VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO CHANGING
THE NAME OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO
THE LOMBARD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Title III., Chapter 32, Article VI. of the Lombard Village Code is amended by revising the title thereof to to read in its entirety as follows:

“ARTICLE VI. LOMBARD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION”

SECTION 2: That Title III., Chapter 32, Sections 32.075(A), 32.077, 32.078, 32.079(A), 32.079(E)(1) and 32.079(F)(1) of the Lombard Village Code are amended by revising the references therein to “Historical Commission” to read “Lombard Historic Preservation Commission.”

SECTION 3: That Title III., Chapter 32, Article VI., Section 32.079(G)(2) of the Lombard Village Code is amended by revising the reference therein to “Historical Commission’s” to read “Lombard Historic Preservation Commission’s.”

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Passed on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2016.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Passed on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2016,
pursuant to a roll call vote as follows.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Keith Giagnorio, Village President

ATTEST:

Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk

Narrative to Nicole Aranas to be presented at a Village staff meeting for the purpose of garnering staff opinions. March 31, 2016

Let me give you my thoughts on changing the name of the Commission.

- 1) The Commission was formed before the Society, hence it took the name Historical Commission because the Village was in the midst of the Village Centennial and had the responsibility for the historical events during that celebration. When the Society was formed, it was an offshoot of the Centennial and then became the go-to for all objects, memorabilia and documents that people had to donate.
- 2) The Commission became the overseer and had a mission to cooperate with and assist the Society but the ultimate purpose was to preserve all things historic in Lombard. This responsibility is still our reason to exist. The Commission is the legal arm of the Village and if you recall one of the conversations we had on February 17th, I wondered how we could further explain the position of Archivist in relation to the Commission and the Society. In addition, the Commissioners must be Lombard residents.
- 3) The Society is an educational organization and anyone can become a member and there are many out of town members. Their responsibility is to bring the history of Lombard to the attention of not just the residents but strive to create programs geared to bringing in tourists and to explain the many historical aspects of Lombard. This is true of the Victorian Cottage, the Sheldon Peck and the Lombard Cemetery. They also are the main tour guides to the history of Lilacia Park. They have events and programs that are meant to peak the interest of anyone visiting the area and our residents, as well.
- 4) The Commission takes on the bigger job of legally designating properties as Historical Landmarks and keeping a survey of all properties with historic value to the Village. When there is a Landmark that can benefit from State or Federal tax credits or real property tax freezes, they can assist in gaining information for individuals who are doing restoration and/or rehabs on the properties. They also are a review board for historic property owners who need advice for restoration or rehab criteria and methods. We have been asked in a number of situations for our review. We also had a role in the updating of the Downtown plan for the Community Development Department. Also, the Commission was the lead to the restoration of the Victorian Cottage, the Sheldon Peck Homestead and the procurement of the Carriage House and its move from it's original home on Grove Street. Our next objective is the National Register for a number of properties in Lombard.
- 5) The Commission is now a member of the National Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. Both of these organizations have workshops and meetings that are extremely helpful

in our mission of Preservation. For this reason, I have been rethinking my idea of renaming the Commission. Instead of the Lombard Preservation Commission, I think it would be appropriate to rename it The Lombard Historic Preservation Commission. If you review one of the lists that I gave you on Feb 17th, you will see that nearly 90% of the Commissions named are Historic Preservation Commissions.

I hope this will explain my reasoning behind the renaming of the Commission and why the Society should remain the Society. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call me. I would welcome any discussion about the Commission.

Rita M. Schneider