

## Village of Lombard

Village Hall 255 East Wilson Ave. Lombard, IL 60148 villageoflombard.org

## **Minutes**

# Lombard Historic Preservation Commission

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

7:30 PM

**Lombard Village Hall - Community Room** 

## Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Chairperson Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Present 10 - Rita Schneider, Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, Bob Wardzala, Jason Sanders, and Lynn O'Donnell

Absent 1 - Brigitte O'Brien

Also present: Leslie Sulla, Historical Society President and Tami Urish, Planner I, Staff Liaison

## **Public Hearings**

## **Business Meeting**

# **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on August 20, 2019 were approved with no changes. The motion was made by Commissioner Mueller and seconded by Commissioner Fetters and passed by a unanimous vote

## **Chairman's Report**

## Reports

#### A. Local Landmarks - Eileen Mueller

Commissioner Mueller stated that 515 N. West Road was approved by the Village Board on September 5, 2019.

#### B. Finance - Jason Sanders

Chairperson Sanders stated that the current budget is 67% expended with the year 75% completed.

#### C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

Commissioner Poskocil reported the Education Coordinator, Kim White had resigned and has since been replaced.

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

Lombard Historical Society President, Leslie Sulla, provided the following information as reported by Chairperson Schneider:

- Our Education Coordinator Kim White has resigned. Rae Slowik has been selected to replace her as the new Education Coordinator. Rae interned for LHS over the past few years, and most recently worked with children at the Kidzeum in Springfield.
- The Peck Exhibition was extended until October 8. More than 1400 visitors from states near and far. The Peck is closed until next Tuesday (10/15) while the Peck art works are prepared for return to the lenders. The staff is contemplating ideas for future exhibits.
- Our popular summer craft time at the Peck entertained an average of 28 people each week.
- 40-80 people attended each week of our summer concert series at the William Mueller gazebo.
- The Village of Lombard's 150th Ice Cream Social was a high point of our summer celebrations with over 200 people in attendance.
- The Peck House hosted 212 girl Scouts for National S'Mores Night.
- Program Coordinator Colette went to the Elmhurst Public Library as a "local author" for a book signing of our Peck Exhibit Catalog which she helped edit.
- Sarah Richardt showed the Sheldon Peck movie at Cantigny: 33 people signed up for the presentation including Sandy Schroeder, descendant of Sanford Peck.

- LHS has acquired an original Peck portrait. A member loaned the money for the purchase, and the society is beginning to fundraise to repay the loan. Where feasible, the LHS board would like to continue to purchase original Pecks. You will receive a fundraising letter soon, and you are welcome to donate online at lombardhistory.org/support
- Saturday, Nov 2: 9am-3pm. Lombard Christmas Mart along Maple Avenue.
- Sunday, Dec 7: 6-8pm. Jinglebell Jubilee.

## E. Heritage Award - Lyn Myers

Commissioner Myers stated that the recipients of two awards will be announced at a Village Board Meeting in November. The recipients are: Tom and Cynthia Masterson for Leadership and Tom Scott for Lifetime Achievement.

#### F. Certified Local Government

Chairperson Schneider stated that the State has not reimbursed the Village as of yet but has all documentation for the Lilacia Park National Historic Places grant.

Chairperson Schneider asked that Commissioners consider projects to suggest at the next meeting, January 21, 2020 for grant consideration.

## G. Cemetery

Chairperson Schneider distributed a letter from Village Manager, Scott Niehaus regarding the maintenance of the cemetery. Commissioner Poskocil stated that the budget related to any cemetery work should be in writing.

# **Planner's Report**

None

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Commissioners had two announcements:

 Commissioner Poskocil announced that Ron (former Historical Commission President) and Carol Fippinger

- donated a painting to the Lombard Historical Society.
- Commissioner Mueller announced that the Oakbrook Terrace
   Historical Society will have a special exhibit in November
   featuring Dispensa's Kiddie Kingdom & Castle of Toys.

#### Preservation of buildings in the downtown

Commissioner Myers stated that there appears to be three historic buildings for sale at and near the intersection of St. Charles Road and Main Street. The buildings in question include 2-10 W. St. Charles Road; 1-5 E. St. Charles Road and 9-17 N. Main Street. All are included in the 2014 Architectural and Historical Survey. Chairperson Schneider indicated some options to consider such as the City of Wheaton has a provision that no demolition permit can be issued without a simultaneous building permit for a new development and all building permits fees for historic buildings are waived. Other options could be creating a historic district to pause possible demolition or seeking National Register of Historic Places status for access to possible programs or grants.

Chairperson Schneider suggested inviting Bill Heniff, Director of Community Development for an update on the downtown. Also she will contact Douglas Gilbert, author of the Architectural and Historical Surveys and Mark Stoner, Ratio, author of the application for National Register of Lilacia Park for input.

Commissioner O'Donnell suggested making the process easy and provide assistance.

Chairperson Schneider congratulated Commissioner Myers on the article she wrote about the q code for the Illinois Prairie Path signs in the summer issue of the Quarterly Journal of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Poskocil and seconded by Commissioner Myers and all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.