MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
February 6, 2020
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order
L. Solak, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance
The following Commission members were present, Hamilton Hale, Nancy Haskins, Diana Kenney, Lisa Solak, Bob Wyman, and Jim Wyman. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present. Judi Halter was in the audience. Staff informed the commission that Ron Scherf has stepped down from the commission due to continued health issues.

3) Public Comment
None.

4) Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
J. Wyman made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 regular meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, H. Hale, L. Solak, B. Wyman and J. Wyman voted aye, with N. Haskins and D. Kenney abstaining. Motion passed.

5) Grant Request – Historical Society
D. Kenney presented the request. The Colonel Palmer house has been opened up to the Historic Preservation Commission to conduct research for the trolley tour. As a thank you for providing the records and to support the local history projects, the commission typically provides a $500 grant to the Historical Society. She explained that this year's Summer Sundays is Crystal Lake 20s. J. Wyman made a motion to approve the grant request. H. Hale seconded the motion. On roll call H. Hale, N. Haskins, L. Solak, B. Wyman and J. Wyman voted in favor. D. Kenney abstained. Motion passed.

6) 1027 North Shore Demolition
Staff presented the request from the owner to demolish the structure. B. Wyman stated that he has done a little research on the property and found that a prominent inspector from Chicago used this as a summer house. There should be enough information on the property to have it plaqued. D. Kenney asked about any local notable people. Staff stated that the practical difficulty in this process is that people have gotten so far into the process before they submit a demolition that it would be difficult to plaque the property at this stage. D. Kenney said it would be great if we educated our property owners on the benefits to preservation before they decide to go the demolition route. Staff will review the demolition handout.

7) 2020 Trolley Tour Discussion
D. Kenney summarized the tour assignments and went over the theme, "this house was one a …" N. Haskins has some ideas for the book and the formatting. B. Wyman offered to do some work on advertising. J. Wyman asked about a few properties if there was existing research at Colonel Palmer. It is likely that there is. D. Kenney went through the list and said that the short articles should be homes they are just passing and the longer articles would be the homes actually on the tour.

8) Member Inquiries and Reports
D. Kenney provided information about her discussions with the Township about the Lake Avenue Cemetery. They were happy it was landmarked, but were not sure what that allowed them to do. She will attend their meeting to go over all the details and see what they plan to do.

7) Adjournment
There being no further business, D. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Wyman seconded the motion. All members presented voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.#