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

1) Call to Order
L. Solak, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance
The following Commission members were present, Hamilton Hale, Diana Kenney, Lisa Solak, Bob Wyman, and Jim Wyman. Nancy Haskins was absent. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present.

3) Public Comment
Brittany Niequist was present in the audience. Ms. Niequist spoke about restoring her home. The attic windows are in need of immediate replacement. A specialist was out and looked at them and would remove them, take them to his workshop, restore them and reinstall them. She noted they did find a pane of glass in her yard. D. Kenney said that emergency repair could be performed and that she should apply for the Certificate of Appropriateness. D. Kenney noted that the proposed repairs sound appropriate.

4) Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020 regular meeting. J. Wyman seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Certificate of Appropriateness for 135 College Street
B. Wyman provided details on his proposal to repair his foundation. He received two quotes from the work. J. Wyman asked if one was the contractor that did the Alano Club work. B. Wyman stated that it is, they have the recent professional experience and he was happy that they provided the low quote. D. Kenney noted that this request also includes reserving the $500 grant for the work, which will be disbursed after proof of completion. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and reservation of the grant funds. H. Hale seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye with B. Wyman abstaining.

6) New Members Recommendation – Brittany Niequist
D. Kenney welcomed Brittany to the meeting and said she is so happy that younger people have interest in historic preservation and want to join the commission. She also likes that she and her husband are restoring the old Hale House. Ms. Niequist was happy to be at the meeting and is looking forward to helping out on the Commission and working to encourage other property owners to landmark their homes. D. Kenney made a motion to recommend appointment of Ms. Niequist to the Historic Preservation Commission. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

7) New Member Recommendation – Judi Halter
D. Kenney stated that Judi had attended the last several meeting and seems very enthusiastic. J. Wyman said he could speak on Ms. Halter's behalf. He knew her family since the 1950s and met her in 3rd grade. Her father was the milkman so everyone knew her family. She knows a lot about Crystal Lake and is very intelligent and a nice person. J. Wyman made a motion to

recommend Ms. Halter to the Historic Preservation Commission. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote all members voted aye. Motion passed.

8) Crystal Lake Cemetery/Lake Avenue Cemetery

D. Kenney reiterated that she has been working with one of the Algonquin Township trustees and their Board in restoring the Crystal Lake Cemetery. She went online and through Atlas Preservation found D2 cleaner. B. Wyman noted this is the same stuff they use to clean Arlington Cemetery. Also, L. Solak said the preservation group she works with recommended this cleaner. D. Kenney said the starter kit she bought was about $100. It included a water jug, two bottles of D2, two spray nozzles, and two brushes. She explained the process, which included spraying the D2 cleaner letting it soak in and then softly brushing it. You then rinse off the surface and the cleaner continues to work. Most surfaces will need several applications, especially if they are really dirty. She suggested that the HPC do a few work days to start cleaning the stones. She will go out and use the supplies she has right now to anticipate how far a bottle will go and how much they will need to purchase for the future.

D. Kenney said that if anyone in the cemetery still has living relatives, they should be contacted and give permission for the cleaning. She has reached out to Major Gates, who is the relative of WD Gates and Sumner Gates. He granted her permission to clean the monuments for his family.

She also noted that there is a Facebook page called the Good Cemeterian that follows a man who restores the monuments and then does research on the people who are in the cemetery. If all goes well they can reach out or start their own Facebook page to highlight their work. Either way they should take pictures of before and after and of their work days to highlight the positive work in restoring the cemetery.

D. Kenney said Mt. Thabor, Union and Crystal Lake Cemetery are all in the City of Crystal Lake. They should start with Crystal Lake Cemetery since that has many of the City's founders buried there and they are already working with Algonquin Township. She said they should prioritize the monuments that would be cleaned, maybe they do soldiers first or early founders. J. Wyman said the monuments should be prioritized by need. D. Kenney noted there is likely 1,000 people buried there and many are unmarked with no stones. Many of the stones also need to be stabilized before they can start cleaning them. Ms. Niequist asked if there are any grant opportunities to do restoration work. No one knew of any off the top of their head.

9) Landmark Discussion

J. Wyman said that N. Haskins has mailed out two letters. H. hale had reached out to the Cowlin House owners and they are not interested. D. Kenney has a memo from the Special Project and Planning Committee of the Crystal Lake Park District that they are considering the landmark request for the Main Beach building. The meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum, but should be rescheduled in September. Ms. Niequist had reached out to several neighbors and some were interested. D. Kenney said she is familiar with Scott at 42 N. Caroline as she has given him some historic photos. She encouraged Ms. Niequist to provide him the application forms and they can start the process. B. Wyman said he would reach back out to the Franz family and hopefully the daughter can attend a meeting to learn more about the process.

7) Member Inquiries and Reports
B. Wyman wanted to thank the Historical Society for the amazing school displays at the Colonel Palmer House. It is great to see all the pictures and all the history on the schools. D. Kenney encouraged others to attend as the displays would remain up for a while.

It was mentioned that Ian Philpot, one of the Council members, moved into the Crow House. They hoped he would like to landmark the house.

J. Wyman said the Tracer Magazine had a good two issue article on the Council Rock and the Indian Chiefs that met there and showed the old trails they used. B. Wyman is going to look for the original 1962 article to read more on the subject.

8) Adjournment
There being no further business, J. Wyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Kenney seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.