MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
December 7, 2023
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order
L. Solak called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance
The following Commission members were present; Nancy Haskins, Diana Kenney, Bob Kosin, Brittany Niequist, and Lisa Solak. Ana Freund, Judi Halter, and Bob Wyman were absent. City Planner, Elizabeth Maxwell, was present for staff.

3) Public Comment
None.

4) Approval of Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Regular Meeting
L. Solak noted a correction in the minutes. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023 meeting with the noted correction. N. Haskins seconded the motion. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion passed.

7) Certificate of Appropriateness – 300 Lake Shore Drive – Mani Beach
L. Solak moved item seven (7) up next. Amy Olson was present from the Park District to represent the petition. She thanked the commission for moving the item up, as she needed to get back to the regular Park Board meeting. She presented a sample of the composite decking. All the members thought that it was a great material that looked natural and would be safe and long-lasting. She said this is a little warmer tone than what is there. D. Kenney said this is a great project. B. Kosin said the texture avoids slipping. Staff read through the Findings of Fact and the commission noted that they were all met. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. B. Niequist seconded the motion. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion passed.

5) Adopt 2024 Meeting Dates
The commission reviewed the meeting dates for next year and approved the list of the first Thursday of the month except for July. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the meeting dates. B. Kosin seconded the motion. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion passed.

6) Grant Disbursement – 87 Elmhurst
Paul and Gail Wasserstein were present to represent the request. They presented the photos and details about the work. D. Kenney noted they did a lot of work on the house and it looks great. She noted Ray Olson, whose dad built the house, saw it about ten years ago. He has since passed away, but she feels he would like the restoration. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the $500 grant disbursement. B. Niequist seconded the motion. On voice vote all voted aye. Motion passed.

8) Second Publishing of "Remembering Those Who Served"
J. Halter had the invoice from the original publishing. It was 100 copies for $734 done on October 7, 2022. They charged $15.00 for the book. B. Niequist said after a few years and more successful cleanings and repairs they can do a second addition with new information. N. Haskins will get an updated quote. The commission wanted to expend the funds to pay for the new publishing. B. Kosin made a motion to expend the funds not to exceed $1,000. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

9) McCormick Park Plaque Discussion
Staff wanted to get a quote from manufactures for the landmark plaque and asked about size, orientation, and text. There was discussion and it was determined that B. Kosin and B. Wyman could go back and walk around the park to determine the best location of the plaque, which would help determine its orientation. B. Kosin also asked about an information plaque where there could be a narrative and the QR code. D. Kenney knew what types of signs he was asking about as they have some at the Colonel Palmer House. They look nice and have held up well. She will get some information on these markers. B. Kosin asked about the informational marker sign at Three Oaks Recreation Area. Staff will try to find out information about this. They tabled the discussion pending additional research.

10) 2024 Trolley Tour Discussion
D. Kenney said they should work to get new houses on the tour including the purple house on McHenry Avenue. There are also some other properties like the church that was in one of the houses by the library. They should find a way to go down McHenry Avenue as the library is celebrating 110th anniversary. If they stop at the stop sign at Union they can see the purple house and may not need to go down McHenry. They can also go to 207 Rosedale. They need new and fresh material. Everyone will look at the tour route and houses that B. Niequist put together and discuss at the next meeting.

D. Kenney noted that she may be out of town on that date. She will assist with the book research and writing. They will need to get speakers lined up. There were two teams that both spoke so they can split up and get other wingmen. She can also reach out to a former commission member Leanne to see if she would like to help.

11) Member Inquiries and Reports
D. Kenney said she received a call from Peter Gussy with McHenry County about a demolition permit they received at 7625 route 14. There is an old home there, as well as greenhouses and other commercial buildings. The house has been sitting in disrepair. She pulled some information including an article Kim Mace wrote about the house. Gary Siegmeier did not have any information on the house when he and Ken Koehler owned the property. The house has not been used since the 1980s when it was used for offices for a landscape architect. B. Kosin was glad the windows were not broken out. D. Kenney asked that they hold off on issuing the permit for the house until further research can be done. B. Niequist would like the owner's information to see if she can tour the property. Staff noted the information is online in the Calendar portion of the website under yesterday's planning and zoning commission meeting since he was requesting a conceptual review for supportive living and storage on the site.

N. Haskins said she watched a program on WTTW about Sears and Montgomery Ward. It was interesting, but they did not mention anything about the kit houses they sold.

B. Niequist said she spoke at the last Park District Board Meeting about the Hill Farm Park Barn. Amy Olson will be giving a tour at 2:00 pm on Wednesday the 13th.

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, B. Niequist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Kosin seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.