MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
January 3, 2013
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

T. Nemcek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

The following Commission members were present: Diana Kenney, Michelle Rozovics Tom Nemcek, Lee Ann Atwood, Brenda Sompolski and Austin Taylor. Bob Wyman and Brice Alt were absent. Staff member Michelle Rentzsch was present. Linda Spencer was also present and Sue Riegler was briefly present for the beginning of the meeting.

3) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4) Approval of Minutes of the December 6, 2012 Regular Meeting

D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2012 regular meeting. B. Sompolski seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

5) Centennial History Committee

Sue Riegler has completed all the phone calls she was asked to make for the presenters and they are all available. D. Kenney indicated that there was no meeting in December and the budget is due to be approved at a January City Council meeting.

6) Trolley Tour

D. Kenney discussed that she had narrowed down the location of Conrad Berg's house at 210 W. Crystal Lake Ave. The current property owners have no interest in including their house on the Trolley Tour. The Commission discussed the possible route to ensure that the length was adequate. T. Nemcek said he would invite the others to go out in the next couple of weeks to drive the route one more time to finalize the course.

7) Budget

The Commission discussed their available funds of approximately $5,000 and after a thorough discussion generally decided to make $1,500 available for grant applications next year and that the remaining funds would be used for public projects, such as cemetery restoration, building plaques, historic markers or other items needed for the possible downtown historic district. The Commission asked that a pending liabilities column be added to the budget so that unpaid items could be tracked. L. Atwood made a motion to set aside $1,500 for the grant program for next year. D. Kenney seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Utilizing quaint British euphemisms, a general discussion ensued about the viability of the grant program for private residences. The Commission discussed a desire to utilize all their funds for more public projects to better advance historic preservation in the community. It was decided that the Commission meetings following the Trolley Tour, Project Ideas for public purposes would placed on the agendas for discussion.

8) Member Inquiries and Reports

M. Rozovics asked about the Reclaimed store in Crystal Lake. D. Kenney provided the relevant details of this downtown store. T. Nemcek will bring some reclaimed windows to this store to see if they can be reutilized.

T. Nemcek reported that Brian Schaler is in the hospital. There was discussion about how to save some of the more historically valuable pictures from his family. T. Nemcek would see if he could talk with Mr. Schaler to procure some of the pictures for the Crystal Lake Historical Society.

There was discussion about the available opening, now that the Commission holds nine seats. Linda Spencer has attended most of the meetings and conducted a vast amount of research about Crystal Lake's history, particularly as it pertains to the Downtown District. The Commissioners generally felt that the ninth position should be available to a qualified person, who may or may not live within Crystal Lake. D. Kenney made a motion to change the ordinance so that the newly created ninth seat may not have to be a Crystal Lake resident. L. Atwood seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye except for M. Rozovics. Motion passed.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:38 p.m. On voice vote, all members voted aye.