MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
March 5, 2015
City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

1) Call to Order

D. Kenney acting as pro-tem chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) Roll Call/Attendance

The following Commission members were present: Brent Hollenberg, Sarah Jackowiak, Diana Kenney, Lisa Solak, and Bob Wyman. LeeAnn Atwood and Michelle Rozovics were absent. In the audience, Brice Alt, Linda Spencer, and Jim Wyman were also present. Staff member Elizabeth Maxwell was present.

3) Public Comment

No public comment.

4) Approval of Minutes of the February 5, 2015 Regular Meeting

S. Jackowiak made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 regular meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote all members voted aye. B. Hollenberg abstained. Motion passed.

5) 2015-16 Budget Review

The commission reviewed their debits and credits for the past year. They still have over $4,000 in reserve. They wanted to allow up to 4 grants for homeowners plus other awards to groups like the Historical Society and possibly fund special projects like the historic signage. B. Wyman made a motion to set aside up to $2,000 for homeowner grants. S. Jackowiak seconded the motion. On voice vote all members present voted aye.

6) Trolley Tour Discussion

B. Alt said he would be at the Colonel Palmer House this Saturday. The members asked what the hours were. D. Kenney said that if someone needs a special time or day, she might be available as she has access to the Colonel Palmer House. She also stated that there is some information at the Raue House like the old historic papers and Sanborn Maps. B. Alt said he found the properties on the Sanborn Maps then used the 1930 Census to find the owners, then the old phone books to determine how long each owner stayed on the property. The commission said Algonquin Township is a great place to get a lot of information like owners, photos, etc. The other members went through what research they had all done.

S. Jackowiak said she started organizing the book, but was concentrating on the advertising letters. She plans to send out new letters to past sponsors targeting the larger donors. She asked for any help from other commission members for contact information. D. Kenney asked her to send the list to her as she had numerous contacts.

7) Historic Aerials

B. Alt went through the isgs.illinois.edu website and showed the commission members the historic aerials from the 30s. They were able to find several landmarks that are still there today as well as many old farms, horse tracks and tree stands that have now been developed with houses.

8) Member Inquiries and Reports

D. Kenney asked if we had heard anything more from the Alano Club. L. Spencer asked what the status of the garage at 50 Caroline Street. E. Maxwell replied that the owner of 50 Caroline is currently renting the house and will come back with plans for the garage in the spring when he can find a use for the blocks. The Alano Club has not provided any further information about their request.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business B. Wyman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. S. Jackowiak seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye.