



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Lombard Historic Preservation Commission

Rita Schneider, President
Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien,
Lyn Myers, Pat Poskocil, Marcy Novak,
Stephanie Zabela, Bob Wardzala,
Lynn O'Donnell and Jason Sanders
Leslie Sulla Ex-Officio Member - Leslie Sulla
Village Liaison - Sharon Kuderna
Village Liaison - Tami Urish

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

7:30 PM

Lombard Village Hall - Community Room

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Chairperson Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present 9 - Rita Schneider, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, Bob Wardzala, and Jason Sanders
Absent 2 - Tom Fetters, and Lynn O'Donnell

Also present: Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk, Village Liaison; Tami Urish, Planner I, Staff Liaison

Public Hearings

There were no public hearings

Informaiton Only

Nick Partipilo, Village of Lombard Intern, gave a presentation on the Advisory Board, Committee & Commission Manual with a specific emphasis on the Village's Social Media Policy. Commissioner Poskocil asked if personal presentations applied as well. Mr. Partipilo responded that it does, if anyone one gives a presentation about the Historic Preservation as a Commissioner, it cannot include personal

*opinions or private information that has not been made public.
Chairperson Schneider asked about the procedure to obtain a student commissioner. Mr. Partipilo responded that he could look into that and provide information at a later date.*

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner O'Brien, and seconded by Commissioner Meyers, the minutes of the April 16, 2019 were approved with no changes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report

Reports

A. Local Landmarks - Eileen Mueller

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Local Landmark Request: 515 N West Road

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the property at 515 N West Road meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site (DISTRICT #1)

Commissioner Mueller outlined the landmark request for 515 N. West Road and recommended the building to the Historic Preservation Commission for their consideration. Commissioners discussed the criteria for 515 N. West Road.

On a motion by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Poskocil, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 9-0 to accept the application for 515 N. West Road with a preliminary conclusion as a landmark site based on Section 32.079(C)(1), (2) and (3). Staff was directed to schedule the public hearing for August 6, 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rita Schneider, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, Bob Wardzala, and Jason Sanders

Absent: 2 - Tom Fetters, and Lynn O'Donnell

B. Finance - Jason Sanders

Chairperson Sanders distributed copies of the expense budget performance report and indicated that the budget is at 45% for the year to date. Discussions have begun with Village staff regarding next year's budget.

C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

Commissioner Poskocil reported that Director Richardt's annual evaluation has been completed with a favorable outcome.

D. Ex-Officio Report - Leslie Sulla

Lombard Historical Society President, Leslie Sulla, provided the following information as reported by Chairperson Schneider:

- The Peck Exhibit has gotten a lot of attention from local news including WTTW.*
- Lots of kids are coming Tuesday afternoons for crafts for kids at the Peck*
- This summer, every Weds night at 7pm is a concert at the William Mueller gazebo at the Cottage. Come early to get one of 30 dilly bar coupons for DQ, then come back and enjoy the music.*
- The LHS Finance Committee and the Board is determining whether to buy a Peck painting that is coming to auction soon - we have the right of first refusal. It would cost about \$12,000.*

Chairperson Schneider added that at a recent Lombard Park District meeting she attended, they presented her and the Commission with an award for the work done acquiring the National Historic Places status of Lilacia Park

E. Heritage Award - Lyn Myers

Commissioner Myers explained that she would like to adjust the nomination process for the award. The difficulty and length of the nomination application is a deterrent. A simpler nomination form could make the process more accessible to the general public. Also, awarding a winner seems disingenuous when all nominees should be recognized for their contributions or accomplishments. The goal of the award is to encourage preservation efforts, not competition.

Commissioners discussed updating the process.

On a motion by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 9-0 to approve simplifying the nomination selection process for 2020 and beyond to encourage community participation and recognition of historic preservation efforts.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rita Schneider, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien, Lyn Myers, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, Stephanie Zabela, Bob Wardzala, and Jason Sanders

Absent: 2 - Tom Fetters, and Lynn O'Donnell

F. Certified Local Government

Reimbursement documentation has been submitted to the State for the Lilacia Park National Historic Places grant.

G. Cemetery

Chairperson Schneider reported that Village attorney rejected the proposal to form a committee to oversee the maintenance of the cemetery since it is abandoned. Lawn mowing is still being managed by the Village however weed control has been suspended and has become a serious problem. Options are continued to be investigated.

Planner's Report

None

Unfinished Business

*Helen Plum Memorial Library
Chairperson Schneider, and Village staff met with the Library Director, Barb Kruser, to explain the complaint the Commission received regarding the suspicious timing of the Commission working on the National Historic Places status for Lilacia Park while the library is seeking to redevelop their site. Village Manager Niehaus shared the timeline of the Commission's work originating more than ten years prior.*

New Business

*National Association of Historic Preservation Commissions
Commissioner Myers shared that while the Commission did not win the award that was submitted for, the organizers were fascinated with the sign project and asked Commissioner Myers to write an article for their newsletter about the Illinois Prairie Path signs. Commissioner Myers discovered that the QR codes on the signs did not work. Village staff researched a few options and the best solution was to have all weather stickers produced with a new QR code. The original code was lost when the Village updated their website.*

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Poskocil and seconded by Commissioner Myers and all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.