# Village of Lombard

Village Hall 255 East Wilson Ave. Lombard, IL 60148 villageoflombard.org



# **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2011** 

7:30 PM

Village Hall - Community Room

# **Lombard Historical Commission**

Rita Schneider, President
Tom Fetters, Eileen Mueller, Brigitte O'Brien,
Richard Anstee, John Egan, Lyn Myers,
Pat Poskocil, Jack Jones, Marcy Novak and
Tami Urish
Leslie Sulla - Ex-Officio Member
Village Liaison - Jennifer Henaghan

## 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Rita Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2.0 Roll Call

Present: Rita Schneider, Jack Jones, Patricia Poskocil, Marcy Novak, John Egan, Village

Clerk Brigitte O'Brien, Tammy Urish, Tom Fetters, Lyn Myers, Eileen Mueller

and Richard Anstee

Absent: Leslie Sulla

Also present: Jennifer Henaghan, AICP, Senior Planner.

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Egan and seconded by Urish the minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved by the members present with the following correction:

Under "New Business", A. Historical Society Capital Campaign, first sentence, change the word "Commission" to "Society".

## 4.0 Public Participation

President Schneider announced that public participation would be allowed throughout the meeting as various topics were introduced. There were no members of the public present.

### 5.0 Old Business

#### A. Finance - Richard Anstee

2012 Budget

The 2011-2012 budget of \$144,000 has been submitted and approved. The previous budget cycle saw the Historical Society expenses for the period at \$113,000 of the \$121,000 budgeted total.

Discussions with the Village are underway to find cost reductions by utilizing the Village Public Works Department for maintenance items.

### B. Local Landmarks - Tami Urish

The Local Landmark Committee met to review the application from the homeowners at 241 W. Maple St for landmark status and to review a proposed amendment to the text of the Village Historical Designation ordinance. See New Business for both items.

The plaques for the Angst home and the Dairy Queen sign will be installed by the Public Works Department once permission has been granted by the property owners. Look for the signs soon.

#### C. Personnel - Pat Poskocil

The meeting to review salary treatments for Historical Society staff was postponed. The Personnel Committee is waiting for Village wage policy changes to be finalized.

#### D. Ex-Officio Report - Leslie Sulla

Leslie Sulla's Year End report was submitted. The Year End report coincides with the fiscal year end of the Historical Society. New logos for both the Victorian Cottage and the Sheldon Peck Homestead are displayed at the bottom of the report.

#### E. Lombard Cemetery

Tom submitted his report. There will be a cemetery clean up day on Friday, September 9

#### F. National Register Work for Sheldon Peck Homestead

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) review meeting for the Sheldon Peck application is currently set for Friday, September 9, in Chicago. Community support at the review would be very helpful. Several Commissioners and Historical Society staff are planning to attend. If the application is approved, it will be forwarded to the US Park Service in Washington DC for a final decision.

#### G. Planners Report

Jennifer Henaghan will follow up on the installation of designation plaques and the use agreement memo from the Public Works Department. She also took photos of the house at 241 W. Maple Street and provided copies for the Local Landmark Committee and the Commissioners to use.

#### 6.0 New Business

## **110443 241 W. Maple Street**

Request to discuss and provide a preliminary conclusion that the property at 241 W. Maple Street meets one or more of the criteria for designation as a landmark site. (DISTRICT #1)

The homeowners of 241 W. Maple have applied for a Historic Landmark designation. They submitted their request and it has been reviewed by the Local Landmark Committee. The Local Landmark Committee recommends the designation.

The home is currently undergoing an extensive addition including a porte-cochere on the west side of the home that will become part of the street view. Ms. Henaghan supplied current photos of the home showing the construction work. The homeowners also submitted architectural plans for the addition.

It was moved by Fetters, seconded by Novak, that this matter be tabled to the October meeting when more work on the home will have been completed given the extensive work and the addition of the porch structure that was not originally part of the house. The motion carried by a voice vote

#### 110437 Historic Preservation Award

Discussion regarding the creation of an annual Historic Preservation Award.

President Schneider proposed the idea that the Historic Commission create a Historic Preservation Award.

It was moved by Poskocil, seconded by O'Brien, that this matter be approved relative to the Commission exploring the possibility of a Historic Preservation Award and that they begin by establishing criteria for the recognition. The motion carried by a voice vote

Lyn Myers agreed to work with Rita and Jeanne Shultz Angel of the Historical Society.

#### 110329 Historical Society Use Agreement

Discussion of proposed modifications to the existing Use Agreement between the Village and the Lombard Historical Society. (DISTRICT #1)

The Use Agreement between the Village and the Historical Society has not been reviewed for a while. Some modifications to the agreement might be beneficial because of the coach house addition plans. Tom, Dick and Rita will review the new wording suggested by the Village. A special committee may be formed to review the agreement depending on the substance of the suggested changes.

#### 110438 Text Amendment to Title 3 of the Village Code

Proposed text amendment to Section 32.079 of the Village Code to allow for the designation of abandoned cemeteries as local landmarks without the written approval of the property owner(s). (DISTRICTS - ALL)

The proposed text amendment to Section 32.079 of the Village Code to allow the designation of abandoned cemeteries as local landmarks without the written approval of the property owners was reviewed by the Local Landmarks Committee.

It was moved by Fetters, seconded by Anstee, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

### 7.0 Other Business

Tom Fetters' new Commission card appears to have the wrong expiration date. He suggested that other Commissioners check their cards.

Lyn Myers provided a brief update from Evan Schiewe regarding his Eagle project to build a new wheel chair ramp for the Sheldon Peck Homestead. Evan has approximately \$700 of the \$2,700 dollars raised. He is still working to solicit donations and discounts from suppliers. He hopes to start building in August.

# 8.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Poskocil and seconded by Urish the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall.