

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
MINUTES

5 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Village Board Room, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Deb Waters and Geri Rizzo,
Vice Chair Lonni Oldham and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Karen Langhenry

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Development Services Charles Nordman

20 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

4. 2017 Pride in Preservation Awards

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A. Grimes Residence – 11105 South Church Street

Nancy Grimes, accompanied by Lora Ball, addressed the Historic Preservation Commission and stated that she has resided at the subject property since 1961. Ms. Grimes recalled that relatives of the previous property owner told her that the original location of her home had been on a lot further to the west. Originally, Ms. Grimes rented the property from Ms. Anna Swanson, but then purchased the property from Ms. Swanson in 1975.

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The former fire chief Zimmerman resided in the house and there is a switch in the house that once controlled the fire siren located in the Town Square.

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B. Conley Property – 11120 South Church Street

Chairperson Britton reviewed the names of the previous owners of the subject property located at the northeast corner of Church and Mill Streets which is currently owned by Barb and Tom Conley. In 2005 the Conley's purchased the property. Tom Conley noted that the door that remains visible on the Mill Street-side (south elevation) of the house was used to get caskets in and out of the parlor for funeral wake viewings.

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Mr. Conley reviewed the restoration of the property and installation of landscaping performed since purchasing the property. It was noted that the property owners in the 1960s were Wayne and Carol Donahue and the property owner prior to the Conley's purchase had the last name Butler and he owned a local lumber yard.

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Mr. Conley expressed an interest in landmarking the property prior to selling it in the future.

C. Watson Residence – 11498 Myrtle Street

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The original owners of the tract were Michael and Mary Martin, parents of Hannah Martin a renowned local educator. There was a nearby street car stop on the Interurban called Martin's Crossing. In the 1940s the Martin family relocated and Henry Jacobs and his son, Lefty Jacobs became owners of the site, followed by Lyle and Gert Koppen, and then Violet McCampbell.

Matthew and Kim Watson relocated from Bartlett, Illinois after purchasing the property in 2015.

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5 A. **A MOTION was made to approve the March 21, 2017 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes with the following change:**

Page 2, Line 44, replace “iem” with “item”

10 **MOVED: Commissioner Waters**
10 **SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo**
10 **AYES: Commissioners Rizzo and Waters, Vice-Chair Oldham and**
10 **Chairperson Britton**
10 **NAYS: None**
15 **ABSTAIN: None**
15 **MOTION CARRIED 4:0:0**

6. Old Business

- 20 A. May 2017 - Look at Local History Events

Commissioner Rizzo announced she had a \$500.00 check from TCF Bank available for the Huntley Historical Society.

- 25 Discussion ensued regarding the Huntley Historical Society news and updates about proposed activities.

In regard to the May 6, 2017 commemoration of the 100th year anniversary of the brick portion of Woodstock Street, Vice Chair Oldham reminded Staff that she would send a brochure and program to reproduce for the event.

- 30 *May 27, 2017 Farmers Market and Craft Fair*

The historic preservation activities for the Saturday, May 27th were discussed including the recommendation that the kit containing various historic preservation documents and visual aids for distribution and display at the event should be inspected to confirm these items were not damaged from the last time the kit was used.

- 35 *Certificates of Appreciation – Historic Restoration*

Chairperson Britton requested Staff to send invitations to the property owners receiving the Certificates of Appreciation awards at the May 27, 2017 Farmers Market, including the following:

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- Paul Godlewski, Town Center Realty, owner of the property at the northwest corner of Woodstock and Main Streets.
 - Main Street Huntley LLC owner of the property at 11808 Main Street – Manny’s Gelato

- 45 *School Sites Tour*

The possibility of a school site tour was discussed and it was decided that it would be a self-guided tour rather than a bus tour. Details of the self-guided tour would be discussed later in the year.

- 50 *Meeting with Village President and Village Manager - April 6, 2017*

Vice Chair Oldham distributed to Staff and Historic Preservation Commission members an outline of the items discussed with Mayor Sass and Village Manager Johnson at the April 6th meeting and reviewed the meeting summary.

5 *Survey/documentation of 11006 Church Street and 11624 Main Street*

10 The Historic Preservation Commission acknowledged that former Historic Preservation Commissioner Jake Marino has yet to survey the property at 11006 Church Street, adjacent to the north of the Trinity Lutheran Church. In addition 11006 Church Street and 11624 Main Street, it was suggested that the Isenhart property at 11705 First Street also be surveyed/documented.

7. New Business

15 The two (2) vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission were discussed including promotion of the available positions through resources such as the Village’s website and/or publications.

8. Adjournment

20 At 8:36 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Waters to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Rizzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James Williams

Planner

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