



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2021
7:00PM

Glen Ellyn Civic Center Galligan Board Room

Board or Commission: Historic Preservation
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: December 16, 2021
Called to Order: 7:01 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Phil Hartweg	Commissioner	Absent
Ian Hood	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Lisa Sallwasser	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Kelly Purvis	Village Planning Manager – Staff Liaison	Present
Taylor Gendel	Associate Planner	Present
Karen Hall	Executive Director of the Historical Society	Absent
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Jane Blatchford	Student Member	Absent
Kirk Burger	Assistant Director of HSS	Present

Public Present:

Ray Whalen	Whalen Builders	

A. CALL TO ORDER

The December 16, 2021 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at 7:01 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairman French introduces Ray Whalen to the HPC. Ray Whalen has been a luxury home builder in Glen Ellyn for 30 years. We were speaking the other day about tree preservation. Ray has a case in point where he is working on a home (737 Forest) and is trying to preserve legacy oak trees. It's an interesting case study with the codes and laws. Whalen states he was born and raised in GE. As a builder, he has always tried to save trees but the GE codes can make it difficult to do so. He states he is working on a home (737 Forest) with a lot size of 50 x 165. The home will have to have a detached garage based on the zoning codes. He wants to see if the ZBA would allow him to build an attached garage which would allow him to save the trees. Whalen distributes photos of the home and yard to the HPC. He adds he went before the ZBA on Tuesday and they were concerned with lot coverage and not the yard. He has spoken with someone on the Environmental commission and he would like to put his topic more on the radar with other commissions. Commissioner Lemme asks if the neighbors have an interest in saving the trees. Whalen states yes. Trustee Kalinich asks Staff Planner Purvis how quickly it can go through the ZBA. Purvis replies as soon as he gets us the plans he could be on the agenda in January. Trustee Kalinich states I can let the board know about this. Commissioner Darga adds when we are doing our annual awards perhaps we can add saving trees for the streetscape compatibility award as criteria for the award. Chairman French adds from an influence point of view, the HPC & EC can do a statement from the commissions regarding a recommendation to save the trees for the January ZBA meeting.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 21, 2021 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 10/21/2021

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Day

SECONDER: Commissioner Lemme

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Discussion of Preservation Month event* – Chairman French states May is preservation awareness month. We discussed hosting an event surrounding preservation. He asks the HPC if this event is worth doing, what we want to accomplish and what would the agenda and content be for this event. The HPC discusses the event and decides that

they would like to offer a historic preservation event on May 12th at 7:00 pm at the boathouse. Commissioner Darga suggests presenting 3 topics/sessions from various speakers each lasting 20 minutes with a break between sessions for socializing.

The HPC suggests the following topics for consideration:

- Architectural Survey (speaker Laura Ramsey)
- How to plaque your home
- Alterations to landmarked properties
- Historic restoration and renovation
- Homeowner as a panelist discussing their landmarked home and the process of landmarking

Staff Planner Purvis adds this event can be publicized in the quarterly newsletter. She will let the HPC know when the content would need to be sent to the Communications Director. Purvis adds in the past we sent out invitations to those homeowners who have plaqued homes. We have a database that has all the information on those homes. She adds she and Associate Planner Gendel will work on securing the boathouse for the event and will look at the database as a starting point for the letters and invitations. Chairman French adds the HPC will work on confirming the topics and speakers for the event.

F. OLD BUSINESS - None

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Assistant Director Burger reports Stacy’s Tavern has been reroofed to historic standards. Within the next week galvanized gutters will be installed. We had our 5th Gingerbread house candlelit event with 100 attendees.

Upcoming events at the HSS:

December 18 – Native American Winter Solstice Ceremony – 11:00 am

January 6 – Chicago Before the Fire – 10:00 am

January 8 – Hershey Chocolate Company - 2:00 pm

January 11 - Researching your WW1 Ancestry – 7:00 pm

January 15 – History of the Chicago Auto Show - 2:00 pm

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

I. VILLAGE BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT – Trustee Kalinich reports the village signed a new agreement with the Forest Preserve regarding the McKee House and the Midwest Soaring Foundation project 501C3. The project is supposed to be in place by September 22-October 22. If we need an extension we can get one as long as we are making progress on this project. We are still trying to secure funding. There are several grant opportunities that we are looking into.

J. STAFF REPORT – Associate Planner Gendel reports that there is one home that wants to be landmarked – 599 Hawthorne. This may come through in January.

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Day and Commissioner Darga seconded the motion. The

meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next HPC meeting will on January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Kelly Purvis, Staff Liaison