



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2024
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

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

Date: March 21, 2024
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Donna Leak	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Robert Margetts	Commissioner	Present
David Schlembach	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Jordan Frahm	Associate Planner	Present
Jeff Anderson	Historical Society	Present
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee Liaison	Present

Public Present:

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 21, 2024 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman French at 7:06 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2024 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 2/15/2023

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Lemme

SECONDER: Commissioner Darga

AYES: French, Leak, Lemme, Day, Margetts, Schlembach

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Annual Historic Preservation Awards* – Associate Planner Frahm provided an update on preservation award nominations, indicating that three nominations have been received thus far and reminding everyone that the deadline for submissions is April 30th. Chairman French inquired about increasing awareness of award nominations, suggesting reaching out to builders and remodelers for nominations. Frahm mentioned that promotion is also done through the village newsletter. French proposed scheduling a meeting shortly after the April 30 deadline to discuss the awards in preparation for the May 13 village board meeting. The HPC agreed to hold the next meeting on May 9. Lee Marks suggested marketing the awards in print media to potentially boost nominations, emphasizing the importance of publicity and visibility. Specifically, he mentioned the possibility of placing print ads in the Daily Herald's "Marketplace" section.

2. *Discussion of possible economic incentive packages to encourage (historic home) remodeling* - Chairman French mentioned that he is coordinating a call with Bethany from Hinsdale. She recommended that we meet with their village attorney along with our attorney to understand the details of their program and the process they went through to implement it. French will summarize the discussion and provide a report to the commission.

F. NEW BUSINESS – Historical Society Signage at Stacy's Corner – Lee Marks, board member of the historical society provides an update regarding signage at Stacy's Corner stating a number of years ago the Historical Society and the Village were considering the development of a History Park adjacent to Stacy's Tavern. The park land was set aside, but other plans for installing some replicas of early village landmarks such as the "Five Springs" Canopy didn't work out at that time. However, the Village did decide to go ahead and add some traditional touches to the historic intersection, including brick

sidewalks, brick inlays on the crosswalks, etc. In conjunction with some of the historic plans at The Corners, the Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Commission asked the Village to please consider re-establishing the correct name of the intersection as "Stacy's Corners," which they did in 2003 or 2004. The new street sign was attached to the light pole (southeast corner) of Main Street and Geneva Road. After a while the sign suddenly disappeared! Did the Village take it down or was it stolen? In addition, the Historical Society asked the Village to allow us to place a two-sided identification sign on the southeast corner of the park adjacent to Stacy's Tavern to inform local residents of the original name of the community, "Stacy's Corners," that evolved after the opening of Stacy's Tavern in 1846. This sign would be a critically important way to inform local residents as well as those visiting from out of town who know little or nothing about this.

We are proposing that the village install a sign reading: "Stacy's Corner 1846 Glen Ellyn's First Settlement." This sign would be historically designed and visible to car traffic. French inquires whether the village would cover the cost of the sign. Lee Marks confirms that this is the request. The aim is for the sign to attract heritage tourism to our village, providing free publicity and highlighting Glen Ellyn's significant history. The Historic Preservation Commission supports this initiative and expresses gratitude to Lee Marks.

G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS – Jeff Anderson updates the HPC on the upcoming events at the Historical Society:

March 23 – Behind the Stars: The Remarkable Women who Helped Build Chicago by Laurie Russell

April 6 - First Aid, CPR and AED Training

April 19 - Heroes On The Air - Steve Darnall presents this audio-visual presentation, which puts the spotlight on those heroes who made their way from comic strips and books to radio in the 1930s.

The Glen Ellyn Historical Society's Unstitched exhibit will be showcased from the end of March through the end of summer. Visitors can expect to see a stunning collection of historic quilts on display, making it a visually captivating exhibit.

H. CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

Commissioner Lemme reminded the HPC about the volunteering opportunity they committed to with the Citizens of Preservation, assisting with sign placement. Everything should be set to go by mid-April, and the signs should be picked up from Chris Wilson. Please distribute them around May 1st, and then you'll be responsible for retrieving them afterward.

Commissioner Day provides an update regarding the library's potential allocation of space for the HPC. The library is excited to partner with us and will implement this in the fall.

I. VILLAGE TRUSTEE REPORT – No report

J. STAFF REPORT – Associate Planner Frahm updated the HPC, informing them that an application for an alteration at 583 N. Main Street will be coming before the HPC.

K. ADJOURNEMENT & NEXT MEETING - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Leak and Commissioner Lemme seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting – May 9, 2024

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Jordan Frahm, Staff Liaison