

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR  
MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2023  
7:00 PM**

**Held at Historic Village Hall – 2 South Main Street – Algonquin**

**CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Present: Chairman Jolitz and Members Donahue, Himes, Lewis, Thompson, and Wyskochil.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2022 AND  
WORKSHOP MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2022**

Moved Member Donahue; Seconded Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Present: Trustee Laura Brehmer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Members discussed Member Wyskochil's continuing efforts to post historic information and photos on the Commission's page on the Village website and the Village's Facebook page monthly or twice a month, including a toy presentation posted for the holidays, and plans for upcoming postings.

Member Thompson reported on continuing efforts to obtain potential grant funding for restoration of the Mineral Springs site through the grant application completed in coordination with the Algonquin Garden Club which has now been submitted to the DAR, a prior grant application to Landmarks Illinois which has since been rejected, and an upcoming additional grant application also to Landmarks Illinois due by April 1, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Members discussed planned activities for upcoming winter workshops, including development of new themes for social media postings of historic information and photos, continued management of historic documents and artifacts, and the need for additional volunteers to organize those files and collections.

Members also discussed potential items to be included in the proposed Commission Budget for fiscal year starting May 2023, which is due to be submitted to the Village by January 31, 2023, including new storage/display cubes, a secondary hard drive, and a working photocopier and the functions it should have.

## **CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Member Wyskochil relayed that new owners of houses on Legion Drive and La Fox River Drive have been invited to attend workshops and research information and historic photos relating to their recently acquired properties.

Chairman Jolitz relayed his response to an email inquiry from Patrick Knapp asking to confirm the current Members of the Historic Commission.

Chairman Jolitz also reminded of this month's workshops on January 21 and 28.

Members also discussed recent construction projects on historic homes in the Historic District without hearings before the Commission, including nonconforming railings installed on a house on Division Street, incorrectly sized windows installed on a house on La Fox River Drive, and solar panels installed on the fronts of homes on Washington and Division Streets contrary to the restrictions on solar panels facing public view set out in Algonquin's Preservation Code and its reference to the Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings or Structures published by the National Park Service. Members also inquired whether Village permits were issued for such projects and whether current code enforcement is being conducted by Village Staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Himes moved, and Member Wyskochil seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Secretary

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Date Approved