

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

October 14, 2015

7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz, Member Purn, Member Adler, Member Zange, Member Thompson, and Member Nee, Member Koeppel.

ABSENT: None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND WORKSHOP MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>:** Member Thompson Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Interview Project – Status Report: No interviews are scheduled for October. Those that were planned for October are to be rescheduled. AHC is attempting to schedule interviews with the Treadwells and the Benthusens.
- B. Report on September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Joint Council of McHenry Historic Groups:
  - a. Meeting included a presentation by Ben Englemann from the U.S. Heritage Group (Chicago) regarding the proper historical preservation of masonry.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

- Bills submitted totaling \$372.50 were submitted for approval. The expenditure was for the purchases of costumes props and other items for future AHC events from Fantasy Festival.
  - o Moved by: Member Adler, Seconded by: Member Zange, Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Start-up and Training for New “Past Perfect” Software Accessioning:
  - a. A Visit is set for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> with help from Mary Ott of Crystal Lake.
- B. Develop and Change Exhibit in Display Cases at Library and Village Hall:
  - a. AHC discussed removing the advertising items currently displayed in the AHC display case at Village Hall. The AHC discussed preparing a postcard exhibit for the display case at Village Hall.
  - b. AHC discussed removing and replacing the Maps exhibit currently on display at the Library.

- c. Commission Members discussed the need to develop new ideas for new exhibits.
  - i. The idea of placing wooden toys in the exhibit or attempting to tie the display in with the upcoming holidays was discussed.
    - 1. Additional ideas discussed included: match books, calendars, local emergency service provider memorabilia (Police and Fire), local school memorabilia (suggested for fall), or baseball memorial (suggested for spring).
  - ii. Commission Members expressed a preference for creating a new exhibit focusing on items made in Algonquin.
    - 1. Possible items to include in the exhibit were discussed and included: princess baskets, local beer bottles, simplex case and an Comptometer from 1950's..
    - 2. Possible names for the exhibit were disused, the title of "Early Manufacturing in Algonquin" was suggested and had majority approval.

**CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS OR OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. Mineral Springs**

- a. The AHC received (from Gail Hamilton) a copy of correspondence that Garden Club received from Village/ Steve Ludwig regarding the Mineral Springs enhancement Project. The correspondence stated the information provided was received by the Village and that there was interest at Village level but that the Village wanted to take the project under consideration as part of 2017 rejuvenation of old town.
- b. Member Thompson offered to follow up with the Garden Club regarding their intentions toward the project. The question at issue is whether the Garden Club intended to abandon this project and using their money for something else or if they intend to continue to support the project and earmark the funds.
- c. AHC members discussed that the recent interest / involvement expressed by Boy Scout Troop is an additional piece of getting project off the ground.
- d. Member Thompson suggested that the AHC have a meeting with the Garden Club regarding keeping up the momentum of project.
- e. The AHC received recent donations in memory of Arthur Zange Jr (totaling \$145.00) which were expressly designated for a mineral springs' redevelopment project.

**B. Lakota Group**

- a. The AHC has provided the Lakota Group (via Daniel Green) approximately fifty (50) historic photos of the downtown area. The Lakota group was very appreciative of photos provided.
- b. The Lakota Group has been hired by the Village to assist in the planning for redevelopment of the downtown area.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Zange moved to adjourn, Member Nee seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes .

Time of adjournment: 8:24 p.m.

Phylla A Kappel  
Secretary

11-11-2015  
Date Approved