

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2016
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chairman Jolitz and Members Himes, Koeppel, Lewis, Purn, Thompson, and Zange.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2016, AND WORKSHOP MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15 AND 22, 2016

Moved: Member Zange; Seconded: Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Interview Project - Status Report: No new interviews are currently scheduled, but several are being contemplated, with the hope of scheduling them during or after the holiday season.

Creation of New Exhibit for Library Display Case (Main Library on Harnish Dr.): Member Zange is gathering some vintage cameras and photographs for a photography-related display in the near term. Plans for a larger, longer-term exhibit will be explored after the new year.

Opportunities for Scout Troop Visits; Contacts with Local Troop Leaders: Member Himes updated the Commission on her efforts to reach out to local Girl Scout Troops in the Osceola School District, and arrange for distribution of information about the Commission through schools in that district. Member Himes will follow up on the distribution of such information, with the hope of arranging visits by local scout troops for whom such distributed information sparked an interest. Responses are anticipated during the winter months when such organizations are looking for indoor activities.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Events, Projects, and Program Ideas for 2017:

Member Purn updated the Commission on his efforts to request Village permission for

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the Commission to have a booth at the Algonquin/LITH Chamber of Commerce WinterFest Home and Business Expo scheduled to be held at Jacobs High School in February 2017.

The Commission also discussed other possible 2017 events/activities, including (1) an open house (possibly in combination with an ice cream parlor event coordinated with a local business); (2) participation in any vintage auto show, if another is held in Algonquin in 2017; and (3) resurrecting the program that arranged for local historic home & building owners to purchase (new/additional) plaques indicating the structure's year of construction and the name of the original owner.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Member Purn reported on an inquiry from Ms. Vickie Trenger for historic information regarding the Dunn and Chun families of Algonquin.

Member Purn also reported on correspondence with Joel Jager, father of Olympian Evan Jager, inquiring about photographs he might donate to the Commissions archives.

Member Thompson reported on a recent telephone conversation with PastPerfect Software Support regarding available technical support to assist with transferring the Commission's PastPerfect Software from its current laptop to the new equipment expected about year-end.

Member Purn will inquire about the return of the Commission's artifact – the villages first police car dashboard computer, which is currently out on loan.

Chairman Jolitz also reported on email correspondence with the Village regarding possible Commission-related entries in the Village's 2017 Calendar distributed to Village residents, and certain historic artifacts previously located in Historic Village Hall that have not been located since recent maintenance/painting projects in that building.

Chairman Jolitz sadly reported on a letter received from Member Phyllis Koeppel announcing, much to the disappointment of the rest of the Commission Members, her retirement from the Commission at the end of this calendar year. Phyllis is one of the members of the "original group" of 5 people first appointed by then Village President in the early 1990's to an "Ad Hoc Algonquin History Committee (group became the Commission in 1994) and she has served continuously ever since.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Himes moved, and Member Koeppel seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Secretary

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Date Approved