

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
February 25, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Jolitz

Members: Lewis, Purn, Thompson

VOLUNTEERS:

Connie Jacobsen

VISITORS:

Mary Ellen Heelan

ACTIVITIES:

This session concerned a continuation of sorting donations from local residents, filing, and research.

Chairman Jolitz and the Members also met with Visitor Mary Ellen Heelan, Board Member of the McHenry County Historical Society, to assist with her research into the music history of McHenry County, including bands, orchestras, choruses, and music and dance halls throughout Algonquin's and McHenry County's History. Member Purn provided Ms. Heelan with information and photos on these topics from the Commission's archives, particularly regarding Algonquin's Columbia Hall on South Main Street. She then reviewed our files of information on Vito Buffalo. He was a popular Big Band Leader in the area and owner of the Main Street Meat Market. Also the Rev Gary Miller of the Congregational Church and the Celebration Dixieland Band, and the New Place – a teen nightclub just north of the village on Rt 31 in the 1960's and early 1970's that featured a long list of noteworthy music groups of the era. Ms. Heelan will be presenting a program at the Algonquin Public Library (Main Library on Harnish Drive) on Thursday April 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., entitled "We sang! We danced! A Musical History of McHenry County," where her research will be presented.

Members Purn and Lewis, also continued their review of the Commission's historic maps and compilations of photos of local historic properties and Chairman Jolitz provided members with some new information concerning Postcard History specifically related to some of the vintage Algonquin Postcards published since 1905.

Member Thompson also worked on transcribing the monthly meeting and workshop minutes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Member Lewis to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Purn. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.


Secretary


Date Approved

3/8/17