

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR REGULAR

MEETING

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Held at Historic Village Hall - 2 South Main St. – Algonquin

Call to order - Establish Quorum –

Present: Chairman Jolitz; and Members Donahue, Dombrowski, Himes, and Lewis.

Approve Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of October 13, 2021, and Workshop Meetings of October 16 and October 23, also Workshop meeting of November 20, 2021. (The Regular Business Meeting November 10, 2021 was Cancelled, also there was no Workshop held on Nov 27, due to Thanksgiving Holiday weekend).**

Moved: Member Dombrowski; Seconded: Member Himes
Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Order for supplies – the Commission needs to determine what supplies need to be ordered for filing and storage by February 1.
- b. Accessioning needs to prioritized

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request for vintage photos, etc, of Towne Park and the Mineral Spring. – We forwarded numerous photos to Tammy Wierciak of Metro Strategies Group of Downers Grove, whom have been hired by the Village to promote Towne Park and Old Town.
- b. Commission Budget for Fiscal year starting May 2022. – Budget request needs to be submitted by the end of January.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. There was a zoom meeting by Steve Connors of Hitchcock Design Group with the Commission about their plans for some redesign of Towne Park. All members reiterated the need to restore Mineral Spring and the dire need for reconstruction of a pedestrian bridge over the creek to be put back at the southeast corner of the park (at the end of Jefferson Street), as was in place for over 130 years, and was heavily used as the primary Park entrance by people walking into the park from Old Town. Additionally, the need for benches and picnic tables along the creek in general from the east end to the west end as we previously had.

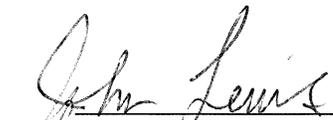
Importantly, Much to the surprise of the Commission, Steve Connors stated that the “Mineral Spring” is not part of the Towne Park Renovations. Which, we are all GREATLY confused to hear, as both the Commission, the Garden Club, and others have had communications and correspondence dating back over the last 6 years or even longer, indicating that the Restoration /Renovation work on the very historic Mineral Spring, has been on hold these past many years, to in fact “be included as a part of the Towne Park improvements and design project”, which is finally now currently taking place.

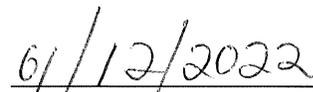
- b. There will be a major presentation by the Village on December 14 at 5 pm on all of the downtown projects running thru 2024. It will be a five-stage project: The Old Town Riverwalk and Streetscape Project. Once again attention to the Mineral Spring and the South East corner of Town Park is not included as shown in the outline as provided so far for remaining work in the Old Towne District work thru 2024. We will see if it is mentioned at all in the 12/14 zoom meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Himes moved and Member Donahue seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.


Secretary


Date Approved