

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR REGULAR

MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2022

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 JULY 13, 2022 AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF JULY 16 AND 23, 2022

Moved Member Donahue; Seconded Member Wyskochil.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

Present: Village Board President, Debby Sosine and Village Trustee, Laura Brehmer; Algonquin Garden Club President, Janice Slonke and Algonquin Garden Club Members, Carol Weinhammer and Cathy Zange. Village President Sosine addressed the Commission about reestablishing its annual Cemetery Walk event in 2023 or when Main Street construction is concluded and activities can be conducted safely, whichever is later, preferably in the fall in coordination with the Algonquin Rotary Club annual Harvest Market or the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce annual Wine Walk. Chairman Jolitz explained that one additional impediment to reestablishing the Cemetery Walk, in addition to construction in the Downtown area in recent years, is the unavailability of transportation to the Cemetery, since parking is unavailable onsite; and President Sosine relayed that the Village will work on obtaining options for transportation, including commissioning a school or shuttle bus, a trolley, or other short term transportation options.

Garden Club President Slonke inquired about the status of plans for restoration of Towne Park and the historic Mineral Springs site in Towne Park; and Village President Sosine reported that efforts to renovate the Mineral Springs site are ongoing, with hopes of coordinating the Mineral Springs project with the overall renovation of Towne Park, and that certainly no demolition of the Mineral Springs site is contemplated.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Jolitz and Member Donahue reported on the status of the new exhibits planned for the Display Cases at the Main Library on Harnish Drive and Main Village Hall. Exhibits are ready, and just need to be set in place at the two locations.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Wyskochil reported on the status of ongoing efforts to supply historic information and photos to be posted on the Commission’s webpage on the Village’s website and the Village’s Facebook page and/or other social media outlets. Village President Sosine also expressed interest in regularly posting such historic photos and information and updates regarding Commission activities and events on both the Village website and its social media outlets.

Member Thompson reported on efforts to obtain potential grant funding for renovation of the Mineral Springs site and possible certification of the Village of Algonquin as a Certified Local Government for potential funding purposes. Chairman Jolitz also relayed the Commission’s commitment to pledge \$4,500 of its reserve funding toward the cost of signage at the Mineral Spring site’s renovation (as indicated in the estimated costs breakdown provided by consultants) , and the Garden Club President and Members reiterated the Club’s commitment to furnish, install, and maintain new plantings at the site.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

No other new business.

Chairman Jolitz reported on his responses to inquiries from the Village Water Department regarding the dates when various historic homes in Algonquin’s Historic District were hooked up with water lines in the Old Town area. Chairman Jolitz also reported on his receipt of and response to correspondence and donation from a Wisconsin resident and donation of a postcard depicting the historic Motel Tafel in Algonquin.

Chairman Jolitz also reminded of workshops on August 20 and 27.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Himes moved, and Member Wyskochil seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Secretary

Date Approved