

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Historic Preservation **DATE:** March 26, 2009

MEETING: Regular **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:29 p.m.

QUOROM: Yes **ADJOURNMENT:** 9:00 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: **Present:** Chairman Marks, Commissioners Buckton, Janninck, Loftus, Manak and Wright.

Excused: Commissioners Ford and Perkins.

Also in attendance: Trustee Liaison Ladesic, Staff Liaison Denney and members of the public including Melissa Creech, and Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation members Linda Gilbert, Chris Wilson, Janiece Waters and Tom Waters.

1. Call to order

Chairman Marks called the Village of Glen Ellyn's Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street.

2. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2009

The minutes of the February 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Loftus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Manak to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

Chairman Marks stated he requested \$20,000 from the Village Board at its annual Special Village Board Budget Workshop to conduct a third Architectural Resources Survey of the central portions of Glen Ellyn. It was noted that the Village received a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to assist in the payment of the Architectural Resources Survey. The grant is a 70/30 matching grant, with the state to pay 70 percent of the survey cost, while the Village will pay 30 percent.

4. New Business

A. Review of Historic Preservation Award Nominations

Two properties recently received nominations for historic preservation awards, including 461 Montclair Avenue and 219 North Main Street. The Commission discussed the property nominations and determined it would vote on the awards at the April Commission meeting. Commissioners were also encouraged to visit the sites under consideration for the historic preservation awards. Chairman Marks requested that Staff Liaison Denney forward any additional nominations received prior to the April meeting so that commissioners would have time to consider the properties before voting.

It was reported that a spring seminar will be held by The Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Hadley Jr. High. The seminar's theme will be: "Preservation: It's good to be green." The Historic Preservation Commission will have a table at the seminar with information on landmarking.

B. Discussion regarding landmarking of Lake Ellyn Park, Memorial Field and Glenbard West High School

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the landmarking of Lake Ellyn Park, Memorial Field and Glenbard West High School (including Duchon Field). Commissioners discussed whether it would be preferable to consider each of the properties separately for landmarking.

The criteria for recommending Lake Ellyn Park and Glenbard West were discussed. There was also discussion on the historic aspects of Memorial Field, in order to determine if the site would be eligible for landmarking. Commissioner Loftus pointed out some of his early research findings through the *Chicago Tribune* archives, and agreed to research Memorial Field in further detail. Chairman Marks polled the Commission to determine if it would be preferable to landmark each site separately, and all Commissioners reported to be in favor of separate landmarking consideration.

The mechanics of the landmarking of a publicly owned property were discussed. It was determined that the preparation of the landmarking recommendation and notification were the responsibility of the Staff Liaison. Members of the public then encouraged the Commission to continue its work to landmark the three sites and to preserve the culture of Glen Ellyn. Staff Liaison Denney stated she will research, through a listserv, preservation of sites in surrounding communities. Commissioner Manak will research the legal property owner of each of the sites under landmark consideration. It was determined that the commission would first discuss landmarking Glenbard West High School and Duchon Field at the April Commission meeting, and move forward with additional landmarking discussions on the other properties at upcoming meetings.

C. Signs marking Stacy's Corners

Staff Liaison Denney reported that the sign brought for viewing at the February Commission meeting would likely be the largest size available; however no sign for

Stacy's Corners is currently budgeted. Commissioners expressed interest in a larger sign, and it was noted that the signage issue would be brought to the Historical Society again.

D. Concerns regarding condensation on windows of Stacy's Tavern

No discussion.

5. Historical Society Business

No report.

6. Chairman's Report

No report.

7. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Liaison Ladesic noted that the special use permit request for the Montessori School at 625 Hillside Avenue was approved, and reminded all to vote on April 7.

8. Staff Liaison's Report

No report.

9. Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m., Commissioner Manak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wright that the meeting of the Historic Perseveration Commission be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Miller, Recording Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission

Reviewed by,
Kristen Denney, Staff Liaison, Historic Preservation Commission