

APPROVED
MINUTES

BOARD/COMMISSION: Historic Preservation

DATE: 7/23/15

MEETING: Regular

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:37 p.m.

QUORUM: Yes

ADJOURNED: 9:05 p.m.

LOCATION: Glen Ellyn Civic Center

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marks, Commissioners Christiansen, Loftus, Schreiber, Manak, & Saliamonas, & Dieter.

EXCUSED: Commissioners Fisher, Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch, Trustee Liaison Senak, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society Karen Hall, Admin. Intern, Brendon Mendoza.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Marks called the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting to order at 7:37 p.m., in the Civic Center at 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

2. Approval of June 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Marks stated the award name was incorrect on page 2 as 574 N. Main Street and 591 N. Main Street received the Architectural Details Award and not the Streetscape Compatibility Award. Commissioner Loftus moved to approve the amended minutes of June 25, 2015. Commissioner Schreiber seconded. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

A. Historic Preservation/Restoration Awards

There was a general discussion concerning the appropriateness of the various homes nominated for the Restoration of the Year Award and the Streetscape Compatibility Award. Chairman Marks stated that the June 25th minutes mistakenly called out 574 N. Main Street and 591 N. Main Street receiving the Architectural Details Award and not the Streetscape Compatibility Award.

Chairman Marks stated he is still trying to contact Jamie Simonize to see what was done on the home at 386 Vine. Chairman Marks stated he will contact Mr. Stonitsch to send this information out via email.

Chairman Marks asked the Commissioners to drive by 590 Revere to see how the home fits in with the neighboring homes.

Commissioner Manak suggested tabling the votes on both the Restoration of the Year Award and the Streetscape Compatibility Award until the September meeting.

There was a discussion on possible homes that could be nominated for the 2016 awards, and it was decided to keep a running list of possibilities including the Cape Cod home on the northeast corner of Hawthorne & Western and the home on the south side of Hillside across from St. Petronille's, between Glenwood and Prospect.

Commissioner Saliamonas suggested the Commission create another award for Tree Preservation which would go to the home owner and builder, and Chairman Marks agreed. Commissioner Schreiber stated that a letter to the home owner that preserves historic trees would be good. Commissioner Manak suggested folding the tree preservation piece into the Streetscape Compatibility Award. Commissioner Loftus suggested the Commission should partner with the Environmental Commission on this award, and the award could be given on behalf of both commissions. It was decided the HPC would create this award for now, and Trustee Senak stated he is the liaison to the Environmental Commission as well and will ask this commission if they would like to participate in a joint award with the HPC that would be entitled the Tree Preservation Award. Chairman Marks stated that Trustee Senak could use the Cape Cod home on the northeast corner of Hawthorne and Western as an example of tree preservation.

Commissioner Manak made a motion to create a Tree Preservation Award. Commissioner Christensen seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Commissioner Schreiber dissenting.

6. Architectural Review Commission (ARC) Report

Commissioner Loftus stated the exterior appearance for the proposed memory-care facility that would be located on Park Boulevard by Glenbard South High School was approved. Commissioner Loftus stated there is a possible retail building that would be located on Roosevelt Road in the previous Grandma Sally's site that may be coming before the ARC soon.

7. Historical Society Business

Ms. Hall stated there are two programs coming in September: a talk entitled "Terminal Town: Chicago's Airports, Bus Depots, Train Stations, and Steamship Landings 1939 – Present" on Tuesday, September 1st and Tavern Day on Sunday, September 27th.

Chairman Marks stated the Commission would still like to have its August meeting at the History Center, and Ms. Hall stated this was fine.

8. Chairman's Report

None

9. Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Senak stated the Board did approve the addition at Glenbard West High School. Commissioner Dieter stated this approval did not seem like a great precedent for the Village. Commissioner Dieter asked how many times the Architectural Review Commission has voted against a project and the Board has approved. Trustee Senak stated he was not sure on this, but the Environmental Commission did vote unanimously against this addition project as well. Commissioner Dieter asked how the Board could approve a project like this without going back to the commissions. There was a discussion on the Board's discussion of the addition project, the variances needed and the land exchange involved.

10. Staff Report

Mr. Stonitsch stated the new police station project is moving forward as the Board approved bond issuances and a Trustee sub-committee is reviewing design/build firms. Mr. Stonitsch stated the Village hopes to have a shovel in the ground by spring 2016. He stated the police station project will go through the Architectural Review Commission and the Plan Commission. Trustee Senak stated the Environmental Commission feels they are not involved early enough on some projects and wondered if an HPC review of this project would be constructive. Chairman Marks stated the Commission would appreciate the opportunity to review this project as well.

Mr. Stonitsch stated the Village is working on the replacement of the downtown monument sign which will be the first example of signage from the way-finding signage plan.

Commissioner Loftus stated the Young's Appliance sign has been restored, and the Commissioners should look at it.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Chairman Marks stated the next meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the History Center, 800 N. Main Street.

With no further business, Chairman Marks asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Schreiber motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Manak seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Debbie Solomon, Recording Secretary