

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
MINUTES**

5 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donna Britton called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Huntley Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Village Hall – Conference Room C107, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

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2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith Mallegni, Geri Rizzo, Deb Waters, Vice Chair Lonni Oldham, and Chairperson Donna Britton

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Burt Natkins

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Development Services Charles Nordman and Development Manager Margo Griffin

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

4. Approval of Minutes

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A. Approval of the September 17, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Britton stated that “Sunny” should be changed to “Sun” on page 2, line 1.

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A MOTION was made to approve September 17, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes as modified.

MOVED: Commissioner Waters
SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo
AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Rizzo, Waters and Chairperson Britton
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Oldham
MOTION CARRIED 4:0:1

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5. Old Business

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A. Historic Preservation Ordinance

Director Nordman stated that Commissioner Natkins was unable to attend the meeting and recommended that the Commission hold off on discussing the ordinance until a future meeting.

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Chairperson Britton stated she would also like to discuss a few additional topics as part of old business.

Chairperson Britton stated she would like the commission to look further into grant opportunities that were

brought to their attention by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Chairperson Britton explained that there may be an opportunity to apply for a grant that could assist with restoration at the Huntley Cemetery.

5 Vice Chair Oldham stated she would further investigate the grant opportunities.

Chairperson Britton stated she also wanted to discuss the status of obtaining signs for the artifacts within the town square. Commissioner Mallegni stated he still needed to go to the monument business to investigate the options and associated costs.

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Chairperson Britton inquired about the status of Amtrak and plans for a station. Director Nordman stated the Village continues to meet with stakeholders to ensure that the route comes through Huntley and that there is a stop in Huntley.

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Chairperson Britton asked when the landmarking of the square would proceed to the Village Board for consideration. Director Nordman stated he would investigate the possibility of it being scheduled on a future agenda.

6. New Business

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A. Recap of Fall Farmers Market

Chairperson Britton stated the farmers market booth had many visitors and that many cookies and chips were handed out.

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Chairperson Britton stated that the certificates of appreciation were handed out to the Laura Mraz and Sew Hop'd. Chairperson Britton explained that the presentation occurred in front of the booth rather than at the gazebo. Chairperson Britton explained that people would rarely view the presentation when it was done at the gazebo, so the booth was a better option.

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Chairperson Britton recommended that the presentation of the certificates be more formal in the future and suggested presenting them at a Village Board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the types of projects that should be nominated to receive a certificate. Director Nordman recommended awarding certificates for businesses that have completed improvement projects, rather than for displaying historic photos of Huntley.

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At the very least, it was recommended that the recognitions be kept separate.

Chairperson Britton stated that the commission should start planning for their Fall 2020 event. Chairperson Britton stated the historical society would like to plan a cemetery walk. Vice Chair Oldham recommended the commission and the historical society partner together to plan the event. Discussion ensued about the possibility of creating a brochure for a self-guided tour of the Huntley Cemetery.

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B. Discuss Nominations for 2020 Pride in Preservation

Chairperson Britton explained that the commission should start planning now for the 2020 Local History Month and looking into the possibility of coordinating a Pride in Preservation reunion with property owners that have received the award in the past. Discussion ensued regarding a possible date for a reunion. It was noted that the reunion should not be held on Memorial Day weekend. Chairperson Britton suggested April

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11 or April 18 as possible dates to hold the reunion at the Legion. It was decided that the commissioners would finalize a date for the event at the November meeting.

5 Commissioner Rizzo stated she was working on a coloring book that could be handed out by the library, commissioner, and historical society. Commissioner Rizzo shared photographs of the drawings she had created for the coloring book.

10 Chairperson Britton asked about the status of making historical posters, similar to those displayed in Crystal Lake. Commission Waters shared photographs of the posters created in Crystal Lake. It was discussed that there are approximately a dozen buildings that should have posters created for them.

15 Vice Chair Oldham stated that she has spoken with Barb Read to reserve a Christmas tree for decorating at the Very Merry Huntley event. Vice Chair Oldham suggested that the tree have a milk theme with the use of old milk cans. Commissioner Rizzo stated that there are historic society items in the basement of Village Hall that would make good decorations for the tree.

Director Nordman stated he would not be able to attend the November meeting. Director Nordman explained that Development Manager Griffin would be attending the meeting.

20 7. Adjournment

At 5:28 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commission Rizzo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Chair Oldham. Motion carried unanimously.

25 Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nordman

Director of Development Services
Village of Huntley