

VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 19, 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 4:02 pm in the Village Hall – Village Board Conference Room C107, located at 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142. The room is handicap accessible.

10 2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Development Manager Margo Griffin

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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

4. Approval of Minutes

25 A. Approval of the October 22, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Britton requested to add the wording “, or at very least to keep the recognitions separate.” to the last sentence of the paragraph starting on line 30 of page 2.

30 Chairperson Britton corrected the sentence on line 46 of page 2 to read: Chairperson Britton suggested April 11th or 18th, 2020 as possible dates to hold the reunion *at the American Legion Hall*.

A MOTION was made to approve October 22, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes as modified.

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MOVED: Vice Chair Oldham
SECONDED: Commissioner Rizzo
AYES: Commissioners Mallegni, Rizzo, Waters, Vice Chair Oldham, and Chairperson Britton
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Natkins
MOTION CARRIED 5:0:1

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5. Old Business

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A. Discuss Researching Grant Opportunities

Vice Chair Oldham began a discussion on the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) grants they have discussed in the past and discussion ensued on investigating whether they were yearly grants, and also

whether they allow taxing bodies to participate. Vice Chair Oldham will investigate further.

B. Discuss Signage for Artifacts in the Town Square

5 Commissioner Mallegni stated he is working on signage. His plan is to measure the Town Square artifacts for the best location on each artifact. There will be 3 plaques, and once he has them measured he will get an estimate from the sign shop in Dundee. The question was also raised on finding out where the Godlewski plaque on the Square was purchased as that was a good plaque to match.

10 6. New Business

A. Local History Month 2020

15 Vice Chair Oldham began the discussion regarding the small poster-like signs they would like to create and display in the storefronts of the 16 buildings they have researched around the Town Square. She stated they have been doing well on the research; however, finding the best old pictures of each building is proving more difficult.

20 Vice Chair Oldham asked if the staff could investigate whether the Village would be able to laminate the 11x17 posters to ensure they lasted a long time. Manager Griffin stated the Village does own a laminating machine and would see if they had the ability to handle that size.

Discussion ensued to finish the posters by April 2020.

25 i. Discuss Posters and Coloring Book

Commissioner Rizzo stated that she has 14 pictures for the coloring book so far, and the project is going well. Rita McMahon is assisting with finding a photo of the Village of Huntley entrance sign which will be one of the pages in the book, and perhaps even will be used on the cover.

30 Commissioner Rizzo stated TCF Bank may assist with paying for the printing of the books.

Vice Chair Oldham inquired whether anyone knew whether we needed to copyright the book. Vice Chair Oldham stated they estimated the books would cost about 73 cents each.

35 At this time, a discussion ensued regarding the Thomas Stillwell Huntley life-size cut out, and the estimated cost of \$150 each, and Vice Chair Oldham thought it would be wise to purchase two of them (one for Commission and one for Society). Vice Chair Oldham also asked whether the Village could assist with payment. Manager Griffin stated she did not know if it would be in the budget, and perhaps a local bank might be interested in sponsoring this type of project.

40 ii. Certificates of Appreciation

45 Chairman Britton began a discussion on whether the Parkside Pub and Legion Hall would be appropriate for certificates of appreciation. Discussion ensued and the group decided the Parkside added historic photos. Both businesses have done construction work in recent years, but the Legion did not contribute enough historically.

B. Pride in Preservation 2020

i. Nominations

50 Chairman Britton mentioned various addresses around the downtown for the Pride in Preservation Award (PIP), but most had already been recognized. She urged the commissioners to drive around and see if they could come up with some other homes to nominate for a PIP award.

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of presenting the PIP awards at a Village Board meeting. The consensus of the group was to ask the Village if they could use the lobby conference room on the night of the Village Board meeting, and they could meet before the meeting with the nominees and offer refreshments and a sort of comradery discussion on preservation of homes before the entire group went into the Board Room for the official recognition.

5 ii. Possible Reunion of Past Nominees

Chairman Britton brought up the topic of the reunion of past PIP nominees and stated they still need to find out if the Legion Hall can accommodate them for April 11th or 18th. Chairman Britton volunteered to investigate.

10 Chairman Britton also mentioned Director Nordman had stated the Village would pay for additional PIP signs with the new design so that PIP recipients could display the signs on their front lawns.

Discussion ensued on general ideas of what to do at the event and what refreshments should be served.

15 C. Discuss Fall 2020 Program

Vice Chair Oldham lead a discussion on the Fall 2020 program and stated the Society was still interested in holding an outdoor event, and she thought the Huntley Historic Preservation Commission would be better off holding an event indoors. The suggestion of a self-guided cemetery tour came up.

20 D. Discuss Second Street Landmark Status

At this point, discussion ensued on the pros and cons of historic districts, and comments were predominantly directed at Manager Griffin.

Chairman Britton asked whether they could call the downtown “Historic Huntley”?

Chairman Britton asked about landmarking the Town Square now that the revitalization is completed, and why they needed to work on the bio for Certified Local Government, and now were waiting.

Commissioner Natkins inquired about the Preservation Ordinance. Vice Chair Oldham stated Director Nordman is waiting to get State clarification on Certified Local Government (CLG) communities.

35 Commissioner Rizzo stated if there is reason for the hold up on landmarking the Square, the Commission is interested in hearing about it. She also inquired why they are still one commission member short. Discussion ensued on who is eligible to become a commissioner and the boundaries of the Village.

40 7. Adjournment

At 5:29 p.m., A MOTION was made by Commissioner Rizzo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Waters. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

45 *Margo Griffin*
Development Manager
Village of Huntley