

**Village of Oswego**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

Village Hall – Community Room  
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, Illinois 60543

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Oswego Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chairperson George, Commissioners Zentner and Natonek  
Members Absent: Commissioner Terrazas  
Others Present: Valeria Tarka

**3. MINUTES – Approval Of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Natonek and seconded by Commissioner Zentner to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting.

Aye: Chairperson George, Commissioners Zentner and Natonek  
Nay: None  
Absent: Commissioners Terrazas

The motion carried (approved 3-0).

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

No residents in attendance.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. DOHD**

Ms. Tarka informed the group that she did not hear back from the first sign company she reached out to for renderings/estimates of the DOHD signage. She has since contacted a second sign company and is waiting to hear back.

**b. Historic Preservation Month Activities**

The group reviewed potential activities for Historic Preservation Month in May 2023. After some discussion, the group decided on doing a walking tour of historic buildings in Oswego. Commissioner Natonek stated that he could reach out to a friend to see if they would be willing to talk about their historic property. Chairperson George stated that we should notify the property owners whose buildings will be featured on the tour so they are aware of the tour and, if interested, they could speak about their property. Commissioner Natonek stated that once the route for the walking tour is set, the Commission should do a run through to make sure the route is accessible for folks who may need ADA accommodations.

Chairperson George inquired about the timeline of when the walking tour should be finalized. Ms. Tarka stated that by January, the route should be finalized. Between January and May the HPC should be creating marketing materials, marketing the event, researching the properties, and informing property owners on the tour. Ms. Tarka stated that the HPC should target the spring newsletter to include information and a link to the sign-up form for the walking tour. Ms. Tarka stated that the event could also be posted on Facebook and the bi-weekly e-news.

**c. Honorary Street Names**

- i. *Application and Procedure Presentation.* Ms. Tarka stated that the purpose of this discussion is to ensure that there is a set procedure for both the application and the selection process for the honorary street names. Commissioner Zentner provided the group with a presentation on potential policies, procedures, and guides regarding Honorary Street Names.
- ii. *Discussion.* The group discussed if there should be public feedback process, who can nominate an honorary street name, what information should be included in the application, and the selection criteria the HPC should use. The group agreed to continue the conversation on the policies and procedures during next meeting. Commissioner Zentner offered to create a draft of the application/selection criteria for the HPC to review for the next HPC meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson George explained that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission reached out the Village of Oswego to do a presentation on the DOHD during their February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additionally, they asked if there were any locations in the DOHD that could hold 30-40 people for the meeting.

Chairperson George stated that the HPC should look into sponsorship for the Commission's events.

**8. REPORTS**

**a. Commissioner's Report**

No Report

**b. Oswegoland Park District Report / Oswego Heritage Association Report**

No Report

**c. Development Services Report**

Ms. Tarka stated that she would look into if any locations in the DOHD can hold the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission and that she would be able to make the presentation on the DOHD.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Village of Oswego trick-or-treating is from 3:30-8PM on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**d. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

**e. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Zentner, second Commissioner Natonek adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

*Valeria Tarka*

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Valeria Tarka, Secretary