

**Village of Oswego**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

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 7:00 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Zentner, George, Olson, Barrow, and Murray  
Members Absent: Commissioner Terrazas  
Others Present: Valeria Tarka

**3. MINUTES – Approval Of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Zentner to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting.

Aye: Commissioners Zentner, George, Olson, and Barrow  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Commissioner Murray  
Absent: Commissioner Terrazas

The motion carried (approved 4-0).

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

No residents in attendance.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Historic Preservation Month Activity**

Commissioner George thanked Ms. Tarka and the rest of the Commission for their participation in the Downtown Oswego Historic District (DOHD) Walking Tour this past Sunday. Ms. Tarka stated that there were 27 attendees, 3 businesses who greeted the group, and many more people who couldn't attend due to conflicts but would like to participate in future events. Ms. Tarka stated she also sent a follow-up email to everyone who signed up for the event with links to the DOHD Nomination and the virtual downtown walking tour. In addition, she asked participants for feedback on the event to share with the HPC. The Commissioners went over what went well and what could be improved for future walking tours.

**b. Honorary Street Names**

Ms. Tarka stated that she made the requested changes from to the draft policy and application for the honorary street names. She has since sent the updated draft to other Village Staff and is await comments. Once Village Staff agree with the policy and application, the Commission will then have to present the application to the Village Board for approval. Ms. Tarka is also in the process of making the application and fillable PDF form.

**c. Downtown Oswego Historic District (DOHD)**

Ms. Tarka stated that she has inquired to Public Works on various questions related to the location, installation, and affixing of the DOHD bronze plaques requested during the prior meeting. She is still awaiting response but will follow up with Public Works. The answers from Public Works will help to determine both the size, budget, and location of the plaques. Ms. Tarka stated she could research plaques for other historic districts.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Commissioner George shared that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission is evaluating interest in an event touring historic structures throughout Kendall County. Details and locations(s) have not yet been determined.

**8. REPORTS**

**a. Commissioner’s Report**

The Commissioners went around the room introducing themselves. Due to the success of the DOHD Walking Tour, Commissioner Olson inquired on additional options for walking tours. Ms. Tarka stated that in her preliminary research, she presented 4 options including a DOHD Walking Tour, Stone House Walking Tour, Oswego Local Landmark Walking Tour, Sears Homes Walking Tour. Commission Olson expressed that the Commission could put on an event twice a year, once during Historic Preservation Month and another one in the fall.

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

No report

**c. Development Services Report**

No report

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Tarka stated that the Country Bash at Venue 1012 is this Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Tarka also stated that she will be leaving the Village of Oswego to relocate, but she will be working virtually for some time before a new Planner begins. Director Zenner will be assisting with the Commission in the meantime. The Commission expressed gratitude to Ms. Tarka for her work.

**10. NEXT MEETING-** Wednesday, June 28, 2023

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Murray, second Commissioner Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

*Valeria Tarka*

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Valeria Tarka, Secretary