

Village of Oswego
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM
Location: Oswego Village Hall,
100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, Illinois

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 George, Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz

Members Absent: Commissioner Terrazas

Others Present: Rachel Riemenschneider, Village of Oswego; Joe Noce, Little White School House Museum

3. MINUTES – Approve Minutes for August 28, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zentner and seconded by Commissioner George to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2024, meeting with no changes.

AYES: George, Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz

NAYS: None

ABSTAINS: None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Joe Noce, the new museum coordinator at Little White School House, introduced himself. Mr. Noce indicated he is a member of Bolingbrook's Historic Preservation Commission.

Annie Fish, a member of the public, indicated that her family, the Plaskas', have been involved in Oswego History. Her grandfather built the greenhouse and several houses on Adams Street. She is interested in learning more about HPC.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Harvey One-Room Schoolhouse sign update

Commissioner Murray noted that she had not yet had a chance to discuss the sign text with the family, but would before the next meeting. Ms. Riemenschneider and Commissioner Schwarz indicated that they would continue reaching out to sign companies for quotes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Murray made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 HPC Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zentner.

AYES: George, Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz

NAYS: None

ABSTAINS: None

- b. Honorary Street Name Proposal – Zentmyer Family

Commissioner Barrow suggest that on the street sign, it should just say "Zentmyer". Other commissioners

wondered if “Earl Zentmyer Family” would be more appropriate. Commissioners discussed the application, noting how much he did for the Village and in particular the library. Per the application it was noted that Jefferson St should be dedicated as honorary “Zentmyer” street, with the sign installed as close to the library as possible. Discussion returned to what should appear on the sign. Ms. Riemenschneider indicated she would discuss possible designs with Public Works and bring options to the next meeting. Commissioners agreed to take a vote on the application at the next meeting.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman George said it was a good event for Justice Garman’s honorary street dedication. Commissioners noted how happy she seemed to be there.

Chairman George asked about a picture and article in the newsletter.

Chairman George suggested we get nametags for the group. Ms. Riemenschneider indicated she would check on the price.

8. REPORTS

- a. Commissioners’ Reports – None.
- b. Oswegoland Park District / Oswego Heritage Association Report – Mr. Noce announced the Cemetery Walk event is coming up, as well as the Kit Homes Tour. Ms. Riemenschneider said she will connect Commissioner Murray with the organizer of the Kit Homes Tour.
- c. Development Services Report – Ms. Riemenschneider announced that a high school student representative would be joining the commission in the coming months. She also reported that she met with the state Certified Local Government Coordinator for a scheduled check-in.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

Ms. Riemenschneider announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Voice vote

AYES: George, Zentner, Barrow, Murray, Schwarz
NAYS: None
ABSTAINS: None

Rachel Riemenschneider

Rachel Riemenschneider, Secretary