

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9TH STREET, HIGHLAND, IL
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024
6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Officers:	Present	Absent
Jacob W. Rose – Chairperson	X	
Jeff Menz – Secretary	X	
Sara Knobloch	X	
Joe Garson	X	
Sarah Finley		X

MINUTES:

Motion – Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2024 Historical Commission Meeting.

Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Anyone with anything to address the Historical Commission may do so at this time.

- One guest in attendance: Fred Groves. He will install the finial on the City Hall belfry this winter.

REPORTS:

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
 - The roofing and gutter replacement is complete.
 - The residence had wiring inspected. The front porch is showing rot. The flooring is tongue and groove. There is a mill in Arthur, IL that can prep the wood. The entire residence will eventually be painted.
- Kaeser Park –
 - The to-do list of projects for the site through the Highland Historical Society is being prepped by Lynn Hargus. On that list will include redo of the outhouse, window and shutter repair,
 - A number of trees and dead limbs have been removed.
 - Discussion of Sarah K. Gather Volunteer Days.
- City Hall Belfrey (previously referred to as the bell tower)-
 - Fred Groves to work on the finial this winter.
- Suppiger House sidewalk-
 - No discussion.
- 1000 Laurel Street (the old Marx Brothers building).
 - No discussion.
- 1014 Laurel Street (old Journal Printing / Appel building).
 - No discussion.

2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan

- No discussion.

- 3) Landmarks Committee (A Highland Historical Society Committee) (Commission Auxiliary)
- Digital Archive Website
 - Librarian at the Latzer Library is moving forward with more scanning.
 - Mexican-American War cannon.
 - Jacob Rose working on grant proposal to marry the cannonballs with the cannon.
 - Workers' Progress Mural.
 - Recommended to divide the mural into 4 pieces.
 - Will need money to begin but not sure the total expense to restore / preserve.
 - Roland Harris Museum.
 - Most of the items have been disbursed.
- 4) Historic Building Inventory.
- Looking to install some sort of information at the kiosk located at the new parking lot on the 700 block of Main Street, the former location of several historic buildings. Jeff Menz to take the lead on this. No progress to date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jeff Menz to reach out to the Highland Cemetery Board about volunteer opportunities at the city cemetery for repair of headstones or ground work. Next Cemetery Board meeting is July 24, 2024 at 4pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Highland Historical Society fundraiser possibility: Historical Tour of Century Properties. Interpretive signage possible through Everlasting Etch or others.
- Karen Barker is interested in helping with fundraisers.
- Highland Historical Society's Harvest Days celebration is scheduled for September 6-8, 2024 at the Latzer Homestead.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:38pm.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30pm at Louis Latzer Public Library, basement classroom. Anyone requiring accommodations, provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to attend this public meeting, please contact Jackie Heimburger, ADA Coordinator (618-654-7115).