

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

April 24th, 2025

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on April 24th, 2025, in the 1st Floor Community Room of the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioners Saeger, Krusinski, Graham-White, Muhr, and Raino-Ogden(7:05pm)

Absent: Chairman Franek, and Commissioner Forehand

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 27th, 2025

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the meeting minutes for the March 27th, 2025, meeting.

AYES: Commissioners Saeger, Krusinski, Graham-White, Muhr

NAYS: None

Motion Passes.

IV. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS – 147 THATCHER – GARAGE DEMOLITION

The applicant, Kim Smith, gave background information on the proposed application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Commissioner Raino-Ogden arrived at 7:05pm.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to deem the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 147 Thatcher as Complete.

AYES: Commissioners Saeger, Krusinski, Graham-White, Muhr, and Raino-Ogden

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NAYS: None

Motion Passes.

V. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS – 601 BONNIE BRAE – GARAGE DEMOLITION

Commissioner Saeger mentioned walking past the garage and observing that it was in poor condition.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to deem the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 601 Bonnie Brae as Complete.

AYES: Commissioners Saeger, Krusinski, Graham-White, Muhr, and Raino-Ogden

NAYS: None

Motion Passes.

VI. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS – 715 CLINTON – GARAGE DEMOLITION AND NEW ROOF

Commissioner Raino-Ogden noted the application had more than the necessary requirements.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Raino-Ogden and SECONDED by Commissioner Muhr to deem the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 715 Clinton as Complete.

AYES: Commissioners Saeger, Krusinski, Graham-White, Muhr, and Raino-Ogden

NAYS: None

VII. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PROCESS

Deputy Clerk Masella gave an update on the current status of this agenda item.

Commissioner Saeger suggested that at the next discussion of this topic, staff provide a wipe board or some item to help visualize the process.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES

None.

IX. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY

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Commissioner Saeger reminded everyone that Police Chief James O'Shea will be retiring at the upcoming Village Board meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

XI. ADJOURNEMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Krusinski and SECONDED by Commissioner Muhr to adjourn the April 24th, 2025, meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

AYES: Commissioners Saeger, Krusinski, Graham-White, Muhr, and Raino-Ogden

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes and the meeting ended at 7:15 PM.



Luke Masella
Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst