

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

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Krusinski, Forehand, Muhr.

Absent: Chairmen Franek and Commissioner Raino-Ogden.

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to appoint Commissioner Forehand as the Chairmen Pro-Tem.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Krusinski and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to approve the meeting minutes for the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**IV. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 604 BONNIE BRAE – HOME ADDITION**

The Applicant had not yet arrived for the meeting and the Commission waited for their arrival.

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The Commission decided to go ahead with the rest of the items on the agenda while they waited for the arrival of the applicant.

The applicant arrived at 7:16pm.

The applicant, Frank Heitzman, gave background on the application and proposed work.

Commissioner Forehand provided some comments and suggestions on the application. He noted being excited that the applicant was making the home more accessible.

Mr. Heitzman addressed some of the comments from Commissioner Forehand.

Mr. Heitzman also noted that the Commission and staff should consider allowing applicants to come before the commission before they apply for a building permit.

Deputy Clerk Masella confirmed that for an applicant to come before the commission, they must have submitted a building permit.

Commissioner Saeger noted being in support of the proposed changes.

Commissioner Graham-White also noted being in support of the application.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Graham-White and SECONDED by Commissioner Muhr to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes

**V. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY**

Commissioner Saeger highlighted a recent walking tour that focused on homes in the southern portion of the Village.

Commissioner Forehand made remarks about the recent Roosevelt Middle School Centennial Celebration.

Commissioner Saeger stated that she helped two homeowners in the River Oaks-Auvergne neighborhood with researching their homes and reminded everyone that the searchable database on the Village website is a great tool to use when researching homes.

Commissioner Forehand asked Deputy Clerk Masella if he had received any applications for the 2024 Historic Preservation Awards.

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Deputy Clerk Masella stated no but the Village is always highlighting the item on social media.

**VI. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES**

None.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Deputy Clerk Masella noted being out of town on the next date of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Graham-White to adjourn the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

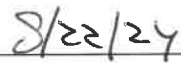
NAYS: None.

Motion Passes and the meeting ended at 7:25 PM.

  
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Luke Masella  
Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst

Approved:

  
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David Franek, Chairman  
Historic Preservation Commission

  
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Date