



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

Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305
Community Room

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 50 individuals, with Committee members, staff and consultants having priority over members of the public. Written public comments will be shared with the Commission. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Jon Pape at jpape@vrf.us. You may listen to the meeting by participating in a telephone conference call as follows, dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 876 1271 9068. If you would like to participate over the phone, please email jpape@vrf.us by 5:00 PM on May 27, 2021.

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Testimony
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2021
- IV. Discussion of Additional Ways to Protect Significant Properties
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

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

April 22, 2021

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on April 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Community Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Assistant to the Village Administrator Pape noted that the meeting was occurring telephonically, as permitted to the State of Illinois State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Graham-White, Prestes, Raino-Ogden, Forehand and Saeger.

Absent: Commissioners Pritz.

Also Present: Assistant to the Village Administrator Jon Pape.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was heard.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Commissioner Saeger noted that her comments in regards to 527 Thatcher referred to a neighbor that was 530 Keystone, not 530 Thatcher and asked that the minutes be changed to reflect this.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Prestes and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to approve the meeting minutes for February 25, 2020 as amended.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Graham-White, Prestes, Raino-Ogden, Forehand and Saeger.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

IV. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES

Commissioner Pritz joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Chairman Franek said that he would like to discuss with the Commission what items they may want to engage in this fall, particularly as more opportunities may present themselves post COVID. The

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Commission had a discussion regarding these potential opportunities including promoting or participating in the Historical Societies House walks, the Wright Plus Housewalk, or other events.

The Commission further discussed what they might do to reach out to new homeowners in the Village and proposed drafting a letter that would go to all new homeowners in the Village, regardless of if they live in a historically significant property, and provide information about historic preservation resources or even to invite them to an event.

Assistant to the Village Administrator Jon Pape presented to the Commission a question that had been raised about roof replacement on historically significant properties due to new building software. Previously, the Commission had not reviewed roof replacement applications, but per the ordinance it appeared that they should be, provided it met the threshold. The Commission discussed this issue and the fact that many roof materials, particularly asphalt and cedar, are likely the fifth or sixth roof on a home. Ultimately, the Commission determined that it would only review roof applications that had original materials of tile, slate, or something else very unique. Asphalt or cedar would not be reviewed, and Staff will review the applications to determine this.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission noted that its next regularly scheduled meeting would be May 27, 2020.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Prestes and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to adjourn the April 22, 2021 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 7:44 p.m.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Graham-White, Prestes and Saeger.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted:

Jonathan Pape
Assistant to the Village Administrator

Approved:

David Franek, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission

Date