



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Longabaugh called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman

Richard Longabaugh

Staff

Director of Community
Services/Public Works Andy
LaFond

Commissioners

Joe Miller (Excused)

Angelina Apostolos

Philip Eckert

Nate Matson

Vacant

Linda Unkefer

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A. Open to any resident or taxpayer on items not subject to a public hearing: Please be advised per §19.84(2), information will be received from the public. Village policy limits a three (3) minute time period per person, with time extension by the presiding official's discretion or a vote of 2/3 of the Board or Committee; be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments. Written comments on agenda items are encouraged to be sent and addressed to the intended body by noon on the day of the meeting. Comments received timely will be forwarded to all members of the body. If you wish to speak, you must pre-register by emailing the Village Clerk at clandisch@village.thiensville.wi.us by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

None

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 3, 2025 (att)

MOTION to Approve with Changes to 177 Green Bay Road Reference and the Spelling of Skippy's Burger Bar by Commissioner Matson **SECONDED** by Commissioner Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. BUSINESS

A. Appreciation to the Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation for the Award of a \$5,000 Grant to Assist in Funding the Historic Marking Plaque Program

Director LaFond explained the application process for the grant.

Director Lafond discussed the parameters for selecting historic buildings to receive plaques.

Criteria could include being located in the Historic District, having an existing historic building on site, and the buildings' upkeep.

The Commissioners discussed the importance of clustering plaques in specific areas to enhance the self-guided tour experience and focusing on the two main areas with high foot traffic; Green Bay Road and South Main Street.

Commissioner Eckert inquired whether a big check presentation had ever been discussed with the Commission and stated that further information would be gathered.

Director LaFond suggested clustering the next five plaques around the northern Green Bay Road region as the 177 Green Bay Road location has been agreed upon for this year.

Director LaFond will bring a list of addresses for consideration of the next five plaques to the next meeting.

MOTION to Accept with Gratitude the \$5,000 Grant from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation by Commissioner Apostolos **SECONDED** by Commissioner Matson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Continued Discussion and Review of Plaque Program and 2025 Award (att)

Director LaFond presented the Commissioners with text options for the plaque at 177 Green Bay Road.

The Commissioners reviewed and edited the text for the plaque at 177 Green Bay Road, discussing the historical significance of the building, noting the importance of clarifying the text to differentiate between the original harness shop and the subsequent print shop.

The Commissioners further discussed the wording, aiming to balance historical details and accuracy with character limitations, agreeing on a loose version of the plaque text that includes the original use of the building, subsequent changes, and historical significance.

Director LaFond will bring refined versions of the Commissioners' discussion to the next meeting.

VII. STAFF REPORT

Director LaFond reported no new projects this last month.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 6:28 PM by Commissioner Matson **SECONDED** by Commissioner Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk