



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman

Richard Longabaugh

Staff

Andy Lafond

Commissioners

Joe Miller (Excused)

Angelina Apostolos
(Excused)

Philip Eckert

Nate Matson

Kim Hauswirth

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@thiensville.gov by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A. May 5, 2026

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 3, 2026 (att)

MOTION to Approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Meeting by Commissioner Eckert **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hauswirth. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. BUSINESS

A. Update on the Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation Grant Application for Historic Plaques (Longabaugh)

Director LaFond explained the history of the plaque program in the Village. He stated that the Historic Preservation Commission realized that in order for the Village to award plaques to buildings in the Historic District in a timely manner, outside funding would need to be sought out. In 2025, the Village was awarded a grant from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation and has additionally been awarded that grant in 2026.

Director LaFond discussed with the Commissioners the need to decide how to proceed with selecting which buildings/properties will be awarded in the next round of historic marking plaques.

The Commissioners and Director LaFond discussed continuing to award plaques in a geographic progression along Green Bay Road before moving to Main Street, or instead focusing first on sites where original structures still stand and then expanding to other sites in the district based on their historical significance, even if the original structures are no longer present.

The Commissioners and Director LaFond concluded that moving forward with awarding plaques to sites where original structures still stand is the best way to move forward with the next round of monies from the grant. Director LaFond will bring a list of potential sites to the next meeting.

B. Update on the Proposed Joint Preservation Program with the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society and Rec Department (Longabaugh)

Chairman Longabaugh explained that he and Commissioner Unkefer, along with Bob Blazich and Faye Walker of the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society, met with Elisa Salvo-Antonie and Matthew Vanderkamp of the M-T Rec. Department on April 3, 2026, to discuss the partnership between the Rec. Department and historical groups.

Commissioner Unkefer explained that Mr. Vanderkamp is equally excited to partner with the historical groups, but requested that nothing happen this year as programming for the summer has already been established. Looking forward to next year, the Rec. Department would like to ensure that a program is put together and can be published in their 2027 summer program guide. For demonstration purposes, it was proposed that in August 2026 the Rec. Department staff have an opportunity to participate in the walking tour program being proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission and M-T Historical Society. This not only provides staff with an opportunity to learn about the area and experience the field trip themselves, it allows them to provide feedback to the historic groups to refine the tour before Summer 2027.

The Rec. Department also proposed providing the tour on no school days during weather appropriate months during the 2026/2027 school year.

Chairman Longabaugh further explained that the Rec. Department children would begin at Village Park and leave for their roughly 90-minute walking tour around the village in groups of 10. Along the way, various historic sites/buildings would be visited where students would gain historic information pertaining to each location, returning to Village Park upon completion of the walking tour.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 6:28 PM by Commissioner Hauswirth. **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