VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 **LOCATION: 250 Elm Street Thiensville, WI**

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Heinritz called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman:	Ronald Heinritz	Mary Giuliani
Commissioners:	Jennifer Abraham	Joseph Miller - excused
	Robert Blazich	Thomas Streifender - excused
	Karin Flodstrom	

Guest: Director of Community Services and Public Works: Andy LaFond

III. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Abraham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Giuliani to approve the November 13, 2019 Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. BUSINESS

A. Review and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for Greg Devorkin, Thiensville Enterprises, LLC, to Raze Former Lumen Christi School Building, 116 North Orchard.

Chairman Heinritz read a letter dated August 27, 2015 from Reverend Sanders stating that the 1956 school building at 116 North Orchard has no historical significance, while the currently attached 1940 former church building at 138 West Buntrock has historical significance and is a local landmark.

Mr. LaFond explained the application and procedure to divide the existing land on which the school building sits into 10 lots regarding public hearings and rezoning. The lots will be 50 ft wide instead of 60 ft wide, but they will be deeper – 7200 square feet instead of 6800 square feet. These details fall under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. The Thiensville Historical Commission is concerned with the landscaping and demolition of the historic district site. Mr. LaFond showed the Commission photos of the plot survey along with existing and original photos of the school and church.

Mr. Greg Devorkin and Mr. Fred Bersch were in attendance. Mr. Devorkin explained that the intention is to bring the church back to its original appearance as much as possible while keeping the handicapped access ramp. The utility hut was added later but will remain in place in order to avoid damage to the church

V. BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

building. They plan to remove the center of the stained-glass window in order to allow more light in the interior of the building. The removed stained glass will be gifted to the Lumen Christi Church. A photo showed that the original design didn't include this interior stained glass.

Mr. Bersch talked about the style, water drainage, landscaping and fencing. Commissioner Abraham raised concerns about the landscaping planned to soften the handicapped ramp. They assured the Commission that the current landscaping around the ramp will stay. The chain link fence that is currently on the property will remain in place at this time to accommodate neighbors who use that fence in their yards. However, the ultimate goal is that this fence will come down to encourage a friendly neighborhood.

Chairman Heinritz read off a list of stipulations he would like to include with the approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

MOTION by Commissioner Blazich, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Giuliani to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with these stipulations:

1. Developer must obtain final approval of project from the Village of Thiensville before the demolition Certificate of Appropriateness can be implemented.
2. All work performed in separating the historic church from the building to be razed shall be done in a workmanship like manner and original materials shall be used where possible.
3. Access to the structure be allowed to Historic Preservation Commission for documentation and photos.
4. A suitable marker be placed on the site referencing its past use.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ITEMS BY CHAIRMAN

A. Review Thiensville Historic Fire Station Building Analysis & Feasibility Study, 10/2/2019, Groth Design Group, Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond

Mr. LaFond answered questions about the Fire House Study and a discussion ensued about the best way to encourage the Board to take action to preserve this important landmark.

B. Review appropriateness of service garage door style for front door of main house at 127 South Main Street

Review appropriateness of service garage door style for front door of main house at 127 South Main Street. The Commission was shown a picture of a door the Michael and Linda Koepke would like to use. Chairman Heinritz will suggest they present options of doors made of wood with a more traditional appearance with their application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Michael and Linda Koepke were not present.

VII. ITEMS BY CHAIRMAN (CONTINUED)

C. Review existing porch railings in Village, and make recommendations of examples of appropriate porch railings that could be used at 127 South Main Street

Review existing porch railings in Village and make recommendations of example of appropriate railings that could be used at 127 South Main Street. Chairman Heinritz presented pictures of several railings in Village. These pictures will be given to the Koepke's and others who are looking for railings that will be appropriate for Village historical buildings.

D. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chairman Heinritz passed out a list of our Thiensville Historic Marking Plaques.

VIII. ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

A. Mequon/ Thiensville Historical Society

Commissioner Bob Blazich talked about the great success of the last meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Blazich, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Giuliani to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Karin Flodstrom