

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Time and Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gary Gisselman (C), Patty Grimm, Mary Forer, Blake Opal-Wahoske
Others Present: Brad Lenz

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Chairperson Gisselman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was not present.

Discuss 2019 Goals and Objectives for the commission.

Gisselman said that the ordinance and survey properties were located in the packet.

Gisselman passed out a listing and said that he would like to landmark the Elks Club, Zion Lutheran Church and Salem Lutheran Church. Grimm said that the Elks Club will be renovating the exterior of the building in the spring. They may or may not be interested in landmarking the building.

Gisselman said that he would also like to look at requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness for any demolition of properties in Class II districts. Grimm said that it is a very good idea as it would give the commission the chance to give input. Lenz said that currently the commission couldn't deny a demo permit. Grimm said that right now there isn't the chance for any input. Forer said that it is a good idea, but didn't want it to go too far. Opal-Wahoske said that it would give the commission an extra tool. Lenz said that it is a fine idea, but it is not much different since it would be advisory only. Forer said that it would document it and there would be a chance to talk to the owners.

The commission discussed whether to move the downtown historic district from Class II to Class I. Lenz said that he is not opposed to requiring the certificate of appropriateness, but some Class II's were marketed to neighbors as advisory only – Class I would change things. Gisselman said that this would change the demolition procedures only. Grimm asked what the intention would be for adding this. Gisselman said that it would create more review. The commission was pretty accommodating with the Jones house and St. James School. Lenz said that historic demolitions are not done that often, but two were done last year. Gisselman said that it would bring checks and balances to the commission and city council.

Lenz said that the grant for the national register nomination for Highland Park District was received. Gisselman asked if the entire bill will be paid for. Lenz said that the grant is for \$8,500 and it should cover the entire thing.

Opal-Wahoske asked what the next step for the Elks Club to get registered at the state level. Gisselman said that it would be to write a nomination letter. Opal-Wahoske asked what consultants would be able to write the nomination letter. Lenz said that there is a list of qualified ones on the State Historical Society website.

Next meeting date and future agenda items for consideration.

There will not be a meeting in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.