



**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
MINUTES • JULY 3, 2019**

**Public Meeting**

**Conference Room A**

**6:30 PM**

**667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commission Members Present: Susan Zeller, Sara Metivier Schadt, Melody Jacobson, Derek Gablenz, Alphonso Casal and Steve Greeley

Commissioner's Absent: Gloria Mack

Also Present: Lynn Gray and Sean Foley

**3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES**

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Motion by Ms. Schadt, seconded by Ms. Jacobson to approve the minutes.

Mr. Greeley noted a typo.

All members voted aye to approve the amended minutes. Motion passed.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>ACCEPTED BY VOICE</b>
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**4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Robert Spooner, Arden Spooner and Don Lev were present for the hearing.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**6. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

***A. Public Hearing - Ford School***

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - Ford School**

Motion by Mr. Casal, seconded by Ms. Schadt to open the public hearing.

All members voted aye on a voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Greeley reported the notice was printed in the paper, and notice was also sent out to the adjacent owners of the property.

**7. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**8. APPLICATION REVIEW**

It was noted that the application was complete.

Motion by Ms. Zeller, seconded by Ms. Schadt to close the public hearing.

**A. Review of Historical Significance (Merits) of the Proposed Landmark**

Mr. Greeley stated all notices were provided that went in the paper and the adjacent owners and they were all in compliance with our rules in regards to giving notice of the nomination.

**B. Staff Report**

**9. COMMENTS FROM NOMINATOR / MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Spooner thanked the Commission members for all they do. He said he is aware it is all volunteer work, and he appreciates their efforts.

**10. QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**11. RELATIVE CRITERIA READ INTO RECORD**

The Commission reviewed each of the individual criteria for nomination. The Commission agreed that the following criteria were met:

**It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics(s) of a local community, the County of McHenry, State of Illinois, or the Nation:**

The Schoolhouse and its use and the students and teachers all show that the building has character interest or value which is part of the development, heritage and cultural characteristics of Lake in the Hills and McHenry County.

**Its location is a site of a significant local county, state national event:**

The significant local and county events of the School being in session and of it being moved off of its original site and then back to its original site were significant local and county events.

**It is identified with a person or persons who significantly constructed to the development of the local community, County of McHenry, Sate of Illinois, or the Nation.**

Not applicable although the people who were taught and who taught children at this school- significantly contributed to the development of Lake in the Hills and McHenry County.

**It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.**

It has characteristics of a one room Schoolhouse which is valuable for the study of the period when one room schoolhouses were utilized.

**It embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.**

The fact that it has original windows and siding as well- as many of its original finishing's inside, shows that it has elements of design, detailing materials and craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

**It has a unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.**

The location of the School and the park on its original property is a unique location with physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature;

**It has character which is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.**

The Schoolhouse is a particularly fine and unique example of the one room Schoolhouse as a utilitarian structure and it has a high level of integrity and architectural significance.

**It establishes a sense of time and place unique to a community and/or the County of McHenry.**

The Schoolhouse establishes the sense of time and place unique to Lake in the Hills and McHenry County as it was when the Schoolhouse was in operation.

**It is suitable for preservation or restoration.**

The structure with its nearly all original windows and siding and the way it has been restored, inside and out, makes it suitable for preservation and restoration.

**It is an exceptional example of a historic or vernacular style or one of few remaining in the County of McHenry.**

This is one of the few remaining one room Schoolhouses and it is an exceptional example of one that remains in McHenry County.

## **12. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

Motion by Ms. Zeller, seconded by Ms. Schadt to close the public hearing. All members voted aye, motion passed.

## **13. OPEN VOTING MEETING / CALL FOR MOTION**

Motion by Ms. Zeller, seconded by Ms. Schadt to approve the Ford School for protected status in McHenry County.

## **14. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE**

All members voted aye on a voice vote. Motion passed.

Mr. Greeley stated this will be forwarded to the PED Committee and then on to the County Board for the final vote.

Once this is approved, a ceremony will be held at the school to place a plaque on the building.

## **15. PRESENTATIONS**

## **16. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

## **17. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

## **18. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Communications & Public Relations Committee**

**B. Survey and Landmark Committee**

**C. Municipal Liaisons**

**D. Special / Ad-hoc Committees**

## **19. STAFF REPORT**

**20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Gray noted that Fox River Grove is turning 100 years old this year.

**21. ANNOUNCEMENTS****22. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Casal, seconded by Mr. Gablenze to adjourned. All members voted aye, Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.