

Minutes of the Neenah Landmarks Commission
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Ald. Jane Lang, Chair	x	Ruth Streck	x
Jack Speech, Vice Chair	x	Nate Van Zeeland	x
Steve Gries	x		
Ron Klatt	x		
Monica Larabee		Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner	x

Commissioners Excused: Monica Larabee

Also Present: Terry Laib

Public Appearances: No public appearances.

Approval of minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting:

MSC Speech, Van Zeeland, the minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

Review 1010 E. Forest Avenue exterior building permit project:

Chair Lang announced that the Commission was reviewing a request from Nathan and Holly Van Zeeland (owners) for an exterior building permit for 1010 E. Forest Avenue (Edmund J. Lachmann House / S.N. Pickard House), a local landmark and a property within the East Forest Avenue State and National Historic District.

Nate Van Zeeland and Terry Laib were present at the meeting to discuss the project.

Mr. Laib reviewed the project, which will restore dormers and the front porch on the house according to the original William Waters architectural blueprints.

Asst. Planner Carol Kasimor reviewed the applicable Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation that the property met, including using the property for its original purpose, use of original and replicated materials in the project, use of original plans in the restoration, and preserving of original features. The project has been approved by the Wisconsin Historical Society as a tax credit project. The recommendation was to approve the request for the building permit as indicated in the submitted plans.

Commissioners deliberated after Commissioner Van Zeeland removed himself from discussion due to his ownership of the property.

Commissioners supported the efforts of the property owners to restore the building with original and replicated materials and according to the original plans. Commissioner Gries, commission architect, supported the plans as presented and was pleased to see the restoration. All expressed their appreciation for the efforts and interest of the property owners in restoring a Neenah landmark that is significant both architecturally and historically. This type of effort sets Neenah apart and becomes a competitive advantage for the community as well.

MSC Speech, Klatt, the Certificate of Appropriateness was approved by the Landmarks Commission for the exterior building permit project at 1010 E. Forest Avenue as presented. Lang, Speech, Gries, Klatt, and Streck voting aye, Van Zeeland abstaining.

Announcements and future agenda items:

Meetings are expected to continue to be offered virtually.

244 E Doty Avenue and 247 E. Wisconsin Avenue are scheduled for demolition.

Adjournment: MSC the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner