

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room of the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Krusinski, Forehand,

Absent: Commissioners Muhr, Raino-Ogden

Also Present: Management Analyst/Deputy Clerk Luke Masella.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Saeger and SECONDED by Commissioner Graham-White to allow Commissioner Raino-Ogden to participate virtually.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Forehand, Krusinski.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Forehand and SECONDED by Commissioner Saeger to approve the meeting minutes for the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Forehand, Krusinski.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS – 214 GALE – GARAGE DEMOLITION**

Deputy Clerk Masella Swore in those who wished to speak.

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Deputy Clerk Masella noted the dates that the required legal notice, sign, and certified mailers were sent out.

The applicants, Kristin and Shawn Vogen, made public comment regarding the proposed application.

Commissioner Forehand noted the garage is not historic nor is it original to the home.

Commissioner Saeger noted being in support of the proposed demolition and the new garage.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Graham-White and SECONDED by Commissioner Forehand to approve the application.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Forehand, Krusinski.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes

**V. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR COMPLETENESS – 604 BONNIE BRAE – HOME ADDITION**

Commissioner Graham-White asked to see photos of the property currently.

Deputy Clerk Masella pulled up photos of the property.

Commissioner Forehand noted the application is thorough.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Forehand and SECONDED by Commissioner Krusinski to deem the application as complete.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Forehand, Krusinski.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes

**VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVER FOREST ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY**

Commissioner Saeger reminded everyone of the upcoming Oak Park River Forest Historical Society House Walk and thanked the residents that allowed for the use of their homes in the walk.

**VII. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT SIGNIFICANT PROPERTIES**

None.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

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Chairmen Franek asked Deputy Clerk Masella to provide clarification surrounding the submittal of Statements of Economic Interests with Cook County.

Deputy Clerk Masella provided background information on the Statements of Economic Interest and which boards are required to file them per state statute. Further, he explained that in 2020, the Village Board of Trustees made it a requirement that all commissioners file them.

The Commission discussed the questions on the Statements of Economic Interest and the purpose of submitting them.

Chairmen Franek reminded the Commissioners to spread the word about the Historic Preservation Awards and to keep an eye out on potential homes around town.


**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Krusinski and SECONDED by Graham-White to adjourn the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

AYES: Chairman Franek, Commissioners Saeger, Graham-White, Forehand, Krusinski.

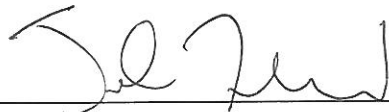
NAYS: None.

Motion Passes and the meeting ended at 7:20 PM.



Luke Masella  
Deputy Clerk/Management Analyst

Approved:



David Franek, Chairman  
Historic Preservation Commission

5/23/24

Date