



**McHenry County**  
**Historic Preservation Commission - Public**  
**Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

April 2, 2025, 6:15 PM  
County Board Conference Room  
Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

Members Present: Stuart Thiel, Anthony Alfaro, Kirk Donald, Peter Gussie, Sarah Metivier-Schadt,  
Dawn Milarski, Sarah Taylor

Members Absent: Rachell Horbenko, Melody Jacobson

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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at: 6:28pm by Kirk Donald

**2. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES (March 5, 2025)**

**Mover:** Stuart Thiel

**Second:** Sarah Metivier-Schadt

Approve previous minutes

**Approved by Voice**

**3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

New member Dawn Milarski introduced herself. She serves on the board for the McHenry County Historical Museum, the cemetery board for the Linn-Hebron Cemetery and is a trustee for the Village of Hebron. She mentioned she is trying to start a Historical Society for Hebron.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

6.1 Public Hearing - Prescott Whittemore Homestead

There were no members of the public present for comments/questions about the nomination.

**Mover:** Dawn Milarski

**Seconded:** Sarah Metivier-Schadt

Motion to send Prescott Whittemore landmark status nomination to PED

**Approved by Voice**

Ms. Scharlow said the next step is the PED Committee meeting on May 6th at 8:30am.

Chairman Gussie came in at 6:40pm.

**6.2 McHenry County Historic Preservation Network Meeting - Commissioner Gussie**

Chairman Gussie is still trying to coordinate a meeting date.

**6.3 Outreach to Owners of Potential Landmark Properties - Commissioner Metivier Schadt**

Ms. Metivier-Schadt forwarded a first draft of her letter to Ms. Scharlow and Chairman Gussie. Suggested changes to the letter were given.

Ms. Metivier-Schadt suggested sending personalized applications might make landmarking more appealing to homeowners.

Chairman Gussie said he was considering having this as an item for the next Network Meeting to see which property owners these groups already know that are interested.

Mr. Thiel volunteered to work on form to have to ease the application process where the interested party would just have to "fill in the blanks". Ms. Scharlow will send him the original prompt.

**6.4 Scenic Drive Updates - Commissioner Gussie**

Chairman Gussie said there is no real update right now.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Milarki said she received a phone call from the owner of the Dari in Hebron who wants to move forward and landmark the building. Chairman Gussie said since the property is incorporated in Hebron, they have to bring that to Hebron, then Hebron and the County would have to do an intergovernmental agreement for the County to do the landmarking for Hebron.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Gussie gave updates on the Crystal Lake Academy and the Flowerwood property.

It was mentioned that the Landmark School in McHenry has turned down 2 bids for purchase.

Chairman Gussie asked about the changes to the landmarking guidelines for submissions. Ms. Scharlow said she would look into that.

Chairman Gussie mentioned a Questers Group, Big Hollow from Spring Grove, is shutting down. He expressed interested in seeing what records and research they have.

**9. STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Scharlow announced that Ms. Renee Hanlon is no longer with McHenry County, and she is now working at Lake Geneva.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10.1 Next Regular Meeting May 7, 2025

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mover:** Peter Gussie

**Second:** Sarah Metivier-Schadt

To adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm

**Approved by Voice**