

## MINUTES

**TOWN OF NORMAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
11 UPTOWN CIRCLE  
ILLINOIS TERMINAL CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 336, (3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR)  
NORMAL, ILLINOIS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 9, 2019**

**12:30 p.m.**

#### **Members Present**

Nancy Armstrong, Zak Boerger, Todd Bugg, Anne Matter, Chris Niebur, Bruce Warloe

#### **Members Absent**

Kathy Burgess

#### **Others Present**

Mercy Davison, Town Planner; Taylor Long, Associate Planner; Jason Querciagrossa, Deputy Corporation Counsel

#### **Call to Order**

Ms. Matter called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. noting that there was a quorum of the commission present.

#### **Minutes**

Mr. Bugg moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 regular meeting. Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

#### **DP-19-06-04: Demolition Permit, 4408 E Raab Road (Former Burfield School)**

Ms. Matter introduced the permit application submitted by the Bloomington Apostolic Christian Church for the demolition of the brick building located just north of the church's parking lot (see attached report). Summarizing staff's report to the commission, Ms. Matter explained that the brick building was definitively known to have once served as a rural, one-room schoolhouse known as the Burfield School. Ms. Matter then stated her opinion that the commission should recommend against the applicant's demolition permit. The commissioners all agreed to oppose the former schoolhouse's demolition on the grounds that the structure met the criteria to be designated a local landmark.

Mr. Boerger and Ms. Armstrong suggested that the applicant further explore opportunities for a creative reuse of the structure and/or its relocation before moving forward with the proposed demolition. Additionally, the commissioners asked Associate Planner Taylor Long to contact the Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency for their opinion on the potential eligibility of the old schoolhouse for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Long agreed to contact the agency.

Town staff summarized the process by which the commission's recommendation of the demolition permit's denial would be communicated to and reviewed by the Town Council. Staff explained that the structure's

demolition would be allowed to take place if the Town Council chose to not begin the process of designating the structure a local landmark within the next thirty days (by August 8, 2019).

Mr. Bugg moved to recommend in favor of the proposed demolition of the former Burfield School building. Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion failed 6-0.

**Other Business**

None

**Adjournment**

Ms. Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boerger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taylor Long  
Associate Planner