

MEETING MINUTES  
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HIGHLAND, IL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025  
6:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

| Officers:                   | Present | Absent |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|
| Jacob W. Rose – Chairperson | X       |        |
| Jeff Menz – Secretary       | X       |        |
| Sara Knobloch               | X       |        |
| Joe Garson                  | X       |        |
| Vacant Seat                 |         |        |

**MINUTES:**

Motion – Approve Minutes of the February 25, 2025 Historical Commission Meeting.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Anyone with anything to address the Historical Commission may do so at this time.

- No guests in attendance.

**REPORTS:**

1) Historic Properties Reports

- Latzer Homestead –
  - The homestead took some hail damage from a storm near the end of March. Insurance will cover structural damage.
  - Application for the National registry is about to be submitted or reviewed this May.
- Kaeser Park –
  - Roof damage from the hail storm in May is being evaluated.
- City Hall Belfrey (previously referred to as the bell tower) –
  - Can Highland Machine help with preparation of a finial?
  - We may have a person available to prep the trim piece on the belfry.
  - Fred Groves has the pole for the top of the belfry. May go ahead and get it installed when possible.
  - The sign is completed and installed.
  - The address of the belfry is the 1200 block of Broadway.

2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan

- No discussion

3) Landmarks Committee (A Highland Historical Society Committee) (Commission Auxiliary)

- Digital Archive Website
  - Scanning is still taking place at the Latzer Library.

- Mexican-American War cannon.
  - The Highland Historical Society intern (Spencer Powers) performed a lot of the paperwork for this and will likely be completed in 2026.
- Belfry sign completed and installed at the 1200 block of Broadway.
- Historical Structures Program / Historical Tours
  - A new member of the Highland Historical Society may be interested in helping with tours.
  - Contact persons who coordinated tours in Alton, St. Charles, Belleville to get ideas on how to get started with our own tours.

#### 4) Historic Building Inventory

- Looking to install some sort of information at the kiosk located at the new parking lot in the 700 block of Main Street, the former location of several historic buildings. Jacob Rose and intern Spencer near completion. Need to send to the City for approval.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Highland Historical Society fundraiser possibility: Historical Tour of Century Properties. Interpretive signage possible through Everlasting Etch or others. Might be able to get a grant for signs through the Highland Area Community Foundation. Signs could be blue to match the new City signs. Karen Barker is interested in helping with this.
- Demolition of the old Primary school building at 1810 Lindenthal resumes on April 28<sup>th</sup>. It was believed the Highland Masonic Lodge had removed portions of the gym floor for sale as a fundraiser but this was found to be incorrect.
- The photo survey of the old primary school building led to the discussion of photo-documenting other locally historic structures in town including the Chapel at the city cemetery, The Latzer Library, the Belfry, and several others. Tentative schedule:

Lustron House (Karen Mason's granddaughter's house on Lemon Street),  
 Joe and Jacob, May (?) 2025,  
 Cemetery Chapel – Sara and Jacob, June 2025,  
 Latzer Library – Jacob and Jeff, date to be determined.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion carried by voice vote.  
 Adjournment made at 7:35pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:30pm at Louis Latzer Public Library, basement classroom. Anyone requiring accommodations, provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), to attend this public meeting, please contact Jackie Heimburger, ADA Coordinator (618-654-7115).