

MEETING MINUTES  
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HIGHLAND, IL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024  
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	
Sarah Finley		X

**MINUTES:**

Motion – Approve Minutes of the June 25, 2024 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 roofing and gutter replacement is complete.
  - The homestead needs repainting, hopefully in the Spring of 2025.
  - Wood was inspected for rot. The west porch was recently repaired.
  - Karen Barker is helping and maintaining the Facebook page.
- Kaeser Park –
  - The HVAC needs replacement in the building.
  - Need volunteers to help move donated bricks and rocks (maybe on a November Saturday).
  - A window ledge needs replaced / cleaned.
  - The old tree between the house and barn needs removal.
- City Hall Belfrey (previously referred to as the bell tower)
  - Fred Groves to work on the finial this winter.

2) Highland Historic Commission Guidelines Manual and Preservation Plan

- No discussion.

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

- Digital Archive Website
  - Librarian at the Latzer Library is moving forward with more scanning.

- Mexican-American War cannon.
  - Jacob Rose working with the Highland Historical Society intern (Spencer Powers).
- Workers' Progress Mural.
  - The Latzer Library will hold on to the mural.
  - No work on it at the moment.
- Roland Harris Museum.
  - The museum is disassembled, with items returned to original owners. No further business for this topic.

#### 4) Historic Building Inventory.

- Looking to install some sort of information at the kiosk located at the new parking lot on the 700 block of Main Street, the former location of several historic buildings. Jeff Menz to take the lead on this. No progress to date. Intern Spencer might be able to assist with this.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Jeff Menz met with the Highland Cemetery Board on July 24, 2024 about volunteer opportunities at the city cemetery for repair of headstones or ground work. They were receptive to the idea but had limited work that could be done that meets their constraints (permissions from descendants, skill set matching with volunteers, etc). They would let us know if we can help with anything.
- 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 fundraisers.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:26pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, February 25, 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 Heimberger, ADA Coordinator (618-654-9891).