

MEETING MINUTES  
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
LOUIS LATZER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1001 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HIGHLAND, IL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 June 24, 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 –
  - Painting begins second week of September. HD Paint and Stain out of Swansea is doing the work.
  - Work on the sidewalk and south porch is scheduled for later in the fall.
  - Electrical work is upcoming.
  - The Latzer Family reunion in July apparently went well.
- Kaeser Park –
  - Received 2 grants (Highland Area Community Foundation and Bumgardner Fund) to offset expenses for carpentry and painting.
- City Hall Belfrey (previously referred to as the bell tower)-
  - Tim Lucia will perform the final repair (ornamental metal) perhaps yet this fall.

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 continues at the Latzer Library.
- Mexican-American War Cannon
  - No progress.
- Historical Structures Program / Historical Tours
  - Karen Barker of the Highland Historical Society set the locations with the respective owners. Tours are scheduled for October 4-5, 2025 from 6pm-9pm.

- This will be advertised through local newspapers and the Highland Chamber of Commerce.
- The first hour will be at the Highland City Cemetery then about 15 minutes at each of the private properties.
- Discussion about how to move from station to station. Trolley? Private vehicles?
- Sites include the Latzer Homestead, the Chapel at the cemetery.
- Looking at inexpensive metal markers that can be displayed at the tour locations.
- Documentation for Karen Mason's Lustron House has been received.

#### 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. No progress reported in the August meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 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 visited the home on May 31, 2025.

Cemetery Chapel – Sara and Jacob, scheduled for June 28, 2025,  
Latzer Library – Jacob and Jeff, date to be determined. Intended to fill in the blanks of a previous photo survey.

Jeff to locate his old photos of the First Congregation Church and share with the Commission.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment made at 7:20pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 6:30pm at Louis Latzer Public Library, Genealogy Room. 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).