

**WEST SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION - MEETING MINUTES
WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER - 1300 UNION ROAD, WEST SENECA, NY 14224**

DATE

July 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Seneca Historical Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lang at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

1. Paul Lang, Chairperson
2. Ray Ball
3. Fran D'Amico
4. Maureen Berbary
5. Michael Siuta

Absent:

- Scott Robertson (Excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. D'Amico, to waive the reading of the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstain: None Motion: Carried

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. D'Amico, to approve the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstain: None Motion: Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **Demolition Ordinance Advancement**

Chairperson Lang reported that he has continued to contact the Town Attorney but has not received a response regarding the advancement of the demolition ordinance. He stated he will continue to follow up.

- **919 Union Road Local Landmark Advancement**

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Chairperson Lang noted that the local landmark designation for the property at 919 Union Road has been approved. Chairperson Lang agreed to potentially generate a letter and coordinate with Deputy Town Supervisor Amelia Greenan and *The West Seneca Bee* to publicize the designation.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Future Efforts & Funding Opportunities**

Chairperson Lang reported on correspondence with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which explained that as a Certified Local Government (CLG), the Commission can establish its own criteria for local historic districts. This local certification process is significantly shorter and less demanding than a full National Register nomination prepared by consultants. Once a CLG certifies a district, SHPO reviews it for completeness and forwards it to the National Park Service (NPS) with a high likelihood of approval. This approval would make properties within the district eligible for historic tax credits. The Commission discussed that this independent process would allow them to bypass the long grant cycles and consultant-led studies, which could drastically delay district listings.

- **Identification of Potential Landmarks and Districts**

Mr. Ball inquired about pursuing designations for key properties identified in previous studies. The Commission discussed several potential candidates for individual landmark status or new historic districts, including the Former Pennsylvania Railroad Roundhouse, the Cider Mill, and Fourteen Holy Helpers Roman Catholic Church. Chairperson Lang proposed that the Commission focus on nominating one property to serve as a model for future efforts and for all members to bring specific suggestions for a pilot property to the next meeting.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. Berbary, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

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Ayes: All

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Carried

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Fincel

Secretary to the Historical Preservation Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Fincel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M" and a long, horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.