

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Seneca Historical Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lang at 6:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

- Scott Robertson (Excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. D'Amico, to approve the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- Continuation of Historic District Advancement and Funding Alternatives

Chairperson Lang reported there were no new updates regarding grant processes. He stated that the next round for Certified Local Government (CLG) grants has not yet been announced. Chairperson Lang stated he hopes to receive an update during the upcoming Landmark Society of Western New York 2026 Preservation Conference, where he plans to speak with a representative from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

In response to a question from Mr. Ball, Chairperson Lang confirmed he provided Councilmember Robertson with various informational materials for context about the Commission and that there has been no further contact with Councilmember Robertson about this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

- Public Hearing for 919 Mill Road – Local landmark Designation

Motion by Mr. Siuta, seconded by Ms. D'Amico, to open the public hearing at 6:39 PM.

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

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. Berbary, to approve the Proofs of Publication.

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

Chairperson Lang opened the floor for comments regarding the proposed local landmark designation for 919 Mill Road. He stated that the property is currently the only National Register landmark in the Town of West Seneca and that the application packet was developed based on the original National Register nomination, including all necessary maps, state inventory forms, and criteria for designation. No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Ms. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to close the public hearing at 6:43 PM.

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

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. Berbary, to approve the nomination of 919 Mill Road for designation as a local landmark by the Town of West Seneca.

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

- Review of Revised Local Landmark Application Form

Chairperson Lang presented a revised local landmark application form, noting the inclusion of the legal parcel description for 919 Mill Road.

Mr. Ball suggested amending the verbiage regarding the legal description from a request to a requirement to prevent future procedural delays. He proposed the sentence read: "A legal description of the proposed parcel must be included for appropriate public notice." Chairperson Lang agreed to the change.

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to approve the revised local landmark application form as amended.

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

Chairperson Lang will make the revision and distribute the updated form to the Town Clerk's office.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- 1455 Clinton Street Inquiry Update

Chairperson Lang reported that the property owner of 1455 Clinton Street never responded to the Commission's previous correspondence, which offered to pursue a local landmark designation.

- Future Landmark Nominations Brainstorming

Commission members discussed potential future landmark nominations. The Commission brainstormed the following locations: the Christian Metz House (12 School St.), the Former Pennsylvania Railroad Roundhouse (418 Meyer Rd.), and the West Seneca Lodge 111 F&AM (647 Main St.). The Commission agreed to compile more West Seneca properties to consider for future landmark nominations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. Berbary, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM.

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 F. Fincel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and a long, sweeping underline.