

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Chairperson Flynn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Flynn took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Chairman Flynn, Commissioner Baur, Commissioner Frasier, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Zander, Commissioner Hayes, Commissioner Skinner

ABSENT:

Other Attendance

PRESENT: Ron Salski (MPRD - on phone), Eric Guenther, Village Administrator, Jeanne Stefens, and Peg Tierney

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Jeanne shared 2 thoughts:

- If possible, display the Museum Info sign at Fremont Library
- Grayslake had a pop-up event with BYO history artifacts to share (some were donated after to the museum)

Peg Tierney - from the Beautification Committee, came to ask & share about the 250 Year Celebration

PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Ron called in to our meeting for the following summary regarding an ongoing request for a software/digitizing program for the museum's artifacts. This is a brief summary:

- The scanning file that was given to the local place is done and see the email with files
- This "scanning" would only give links and a look-only concept
- Tech team did 3-5 hours of research with Past Perfect; \$870 a year with only 1 user; would support an ipad
- Dunn Museum was contacted and the following was reported from that:
 - Moved away from Past Perfect
 - Emphasized that staff NOT volunteers do the inputting

Ron summed it up by saying that the Park District is denying our Past Perfect request. Ron also let Barb know that her shelving (for a museum exhibit) has been ordered.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Historical Commission Minute Approval

Motion to approve the Historical Commission Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2026.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Tom Baur
SECONDER:	Commissioner Barb Zander
AYES:	Michael Flynn, Tom Baur, Wendy Frasier, Anne Walker, Barb Zander, Jeffry Hayes, Tracy Skinner
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND OTHER COMMUNICATION

Digitizing Project

Already mentioned previously with Ron & Mike sent files via email to us.

2026 Museum Exhibits Status Report

Wendy gave a status update of the turn-over of exhibits.

Opening Day - March 21, 2026

Saturday, March 21, 2026

MHC Annual Report - March 9, 2026

Mike sent his report to members via email and he will summarize his report at the Board Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Other

Anne has volunteers for gardening.

MUSEUM OPERATIONS

Archiving

No report.

Facility Maintenance

No report.

Collections: Accessioning/De-accessioning

Motion to accept recommendations for accessioning and de-accessioning.

No collections this meeting.

Volunteer Hours - February

Volunteer Hours - 76.25

Visitors - 0 (museum was closed)

Other

NEW BUSINESS

Historical Alliance / America 250 Oral History

Barb & Tracy are still waiting to find out more about being trained on this so we can move forward with this.

Docent Training

Docent training - Shawn is still volunteering to take care of this for us. ALL docents (return and new) have been invited to Museum one hour before opening on March 21, 2026.

Other

- Wendy announced that, effectively immediately, she had resigned from both MHC and the Old #1 Committee
- NOW we have 2 openings within 2 months (Wendy/March & Mike/April)

OLD BUSINESS

Digital Site Map

No report.

Digital Frame Display

No report.

Landscape Phase II

No report.

Other

No report.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Commissioner Barb Zander
SECONDER:	Commissioner Anne Walker
AYES:	Michael Flynn, Tom Baur, Wendy Frasier, Anne Walker, Barb Zander, Jeffry Hayes, Tracy Skinner
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None