

Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission
October 5, 2023
DRAFT: Minutes

Present: Lisa Johnson (Chair), Bob Hoffman, Barbara Marsh, Matt Ross, Kelley Schaedler (alternate), and Garrett Daigle (Assistant Town Planner)

Absent: Steve Meyer (alternate), Rachel Griffin (alternate), and Edward Giannaros (Town Council Liaison)

The following members were present on-line: Kelley Schaedler. All other representatives were present in person in the Town Council Chambers.

Lisa Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Public Hearing

8626 Perry Street- Clover Pinney Park – Installations of benches and little free libraries by Daniel Germano – Eagle Scout Project.

Daniel Germano, Troop 170, presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project. Daniel is proposing to construct 7 benches around the inside perimeter of the Gazebo and two little free libraries. The benches will be 14.75” deep and 18.5” tall, the existing railings will serve as the backing for the benches. The benches are proposed to be stained the same color as the floor of the gazebo. The size of the benches will cause minimal disturbance to the majority of the gazebo, leaving the center area clear for activities. The seats of the benches are proposed to be made out of 2x4 common lumber which is easy to source for construction and repairs, gaps in the boards will allow snow and water to drain. The little free libraries will have roofs made of cedar shakes to match the roof of the gazebo. There will be two little free libraries, one for kids and teens and one for adults, Troop 170 will monitor the libraries after the project is complete. The libraries will be registered with the Little Free Library organization and given unique registration numbers and added to the library map. The sides of the libraries will be painted with recreations of historic imagery of Unionville. Daniel has requested that repairs be made to the gazebo by the town as part of his project.

The Commission asked clarifying questions and made comments and suggestions regarding the proposal.

Public Comment:

Jacqueline Neighbours 34 Elm Street – Spoke in favor of the proposal but requested that the lights be removed from the proposal.

Upon a motion made (Ross) and seconded (Hoffman) the application was unanimously (5-0) approved with conditions:

1. Remove the solar patio lights from the proposal.
2. Draft of paintings to be reviewed by the Chair.
3. Plexiglass should be added to the side of the libraries to protect the paintings.
4. Paint the back of the benches white to match the railings.

Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission

October 5, 2023

DRAFT: Minutes

5. Benches near the entrance to the gazebo shall be shortened to move the libraries inside the support columns.
6. Roof of libraries to be cedar shakes to match the roof of the Gazebo.
7. Final verification of bench dimensions for access to outlets to be approved by town staff.

Approval of Minutes:

September 7, 2023, Minutes – M/S/A Marsh / Ross / all, 5-0

Other business

1. Adoption of 2024 Meeting Schedule

Upon a motion (Hoffman) and seconded (Marsh) the 2024 Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission meeting schedule was unanimously (5-0) approved as presented.

2. Farmington Historic District Expansion:

The State Office of Historic Preservation has approved the report, and the Farmington Historic District Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm M/S/A Ross/ Hoffman/ all (5-0)