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The following meetings of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be held at **7:00 p.m.** at the McHenry County Government Center- Administration Building, Planning & Development Conference Room 206, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL unless otherwise posted.

**December 3, 2008**

**January 7, 2009**

**February 4, 2009**

**March 4, 2009**

**April 1, 2009**

**May 6, 2009**

**June 3, 2009**

**July 1, 2009**

**August 5, 2009**

**September 2, 2009**

**October 7, 2009**

**November 4, 2009**

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
JANUARY 7, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Nick Chirikos and Gail Brown

Commissioners Absent: David Gervais, Dorothy Scherschel, Bonnie Duresa and Dorothy Otis

Staff: Dennis Sandquist and Audrey Martin

Guest: Laurie Selpien

**Call to Order**

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Selpien introduced herself to the Commission. She is hoping to fill the vacancy on the Commission.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Due to the lack of a quorum, committee reports were tabled until the next scheduled meeting on February 4th.

**HPC Website Update**

Mr. Chirikos presented the redesigned web site for the Commission. His report is attached.

**New Business**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Nick Chirikos, Gail Brown, David Gervais, Dorothy Scherschel, Bonnie Duresa and Dorothy Otis

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski, Dennis Sandquist and Audrey Martin

Guest: Laurie Selpien

**Call to Order**

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Selpien introduced herself to the Commission members that were absent last month. She would like to fill the vacancy on the Commission.

Ms. Duresa stated she had a point of information and proceeded to ask the Commission about Certificates of Appropriateness regarding the Hutchinson House that were e-mailed to her. She said she did not understand and, in her opinion, she felt they were not completely filled out. Commission members told her that the owners came to the meeting in October and the certificates were completed in the Commission's presence. After some debate, Ms. Otis stood up and announced she was submitting her resignation. Ms. Duresa also submitted her resignation.

Ms. Duresa, Ms. Otis and Ms. Scherschel left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of November 5<sup>th</sup> 2008. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

**Election of Officers**

**Election of Chairman**

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Brown to nominate Mr. Chirikos as Chairman. There were no other nominations. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Collins that the Commission continues the elections with the new chairman presiding. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Chirikos expressed his gratitude to Ms. Collins for her past service as Chairman of the Commission.

### ***Election of Vice Chairman***

Motion by Ms. Collins seconded by Mr. Gervais to nominate Ms. Brown as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### ***Election of Secretary***

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Gervais to nominate Ms. Mack as secretary. There were no other nominations. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### ***Survey***

Mr. Chirikos recommended Ms. Brown continue on the Survey Committee. Ms. Brown stated she would maintain that position.

#### ***Municipal Liaison***

Mr. Chirikos recommended that Ms. Mack and Mr. Gervais continue to serve as the municipal liaisons. Ms. Mack and Mr. Gervais stated they would be happy to continue in that capacity. Ms. Mack stated there were over 200 people at the Lincoln presentation at McHenry County College. She said it went very well.

Ms. Mack mentioned a program called Hats off to you, Mr. Lincoln. She asked the Commission if they would like to decorate a hat. The Commission agreed to decorate a hat with the theme of the "debater." Ms. Wanaski said she would ask the Planning and Development Department if they would like to decorate a hat.

#### ***Old House Support Group***

Mr. Chirikos said he would like to continue on this committee.

#### ***Communications/Education***

Ms. Collins stated she was responsible for communications when she worked on the Commission's web site. She is more involved in the education portion of the committee. She would like to continue with the Gazette and work on launching the Heritage Oak Program for history month in May.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Gervais to split the Communications/ Education Committee into two separate committees with education continuing with its sub-topics and communication being its own committee. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Collins will continue working on the Education Committee which will include the Gazette and the Oak Program, and Mr. Chirikos will continue to work on the Communication Committee which will encompass the website.

### ***Scenic Streets and Roads***

Ms. Mack volunteered to work on streets and roads until someone is able to fill the vacancy. Ms. Collins said she is willing to help Ms. Mack if the need arises.

### ***Program Coordinator***

Ms. Mack stated she usually coordinates programs, such as scenic roads and land markings. The Commission acknowledged it is a valuable function but not as its own committee.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to eliminate the title of Program Coordinator as a standing committee and relocate it under municipal liaison functions. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

### **Report from MCCD**

Ms. Brown stated there is a Quercus Project for the County which is made up of homeowners and groups of volunteers they call oak keepers who survey parcels. There has been a new oak species found in McHenry County that has never been recorded called the Swamp White Oak. These naturally occurring Swamp White Oaks have been found north of Marengo Ridge just north of Deerpass. Another area of these oaks was found at the north end of Chemung Township.

Ms. Collins mentioned she has a preview of a presentation called the Oaks of McHenry County that may be televised in the future on public television. Mr. Gervais suggested putting that as an agenda item next month under Education.

Ms. Brown wanted to clarify something that was written in Ms. Otis' resignation letter. She stated she is not an ex-officio member of the Conservation District. She is an employee of the District and is a full voting member of the Commission.

### **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski stated it is annual report time. She distributed the attendance chart for last year. She stated Catherine O'Connor will allow the Commission to send the annual report digitally to IHPA. However, because Ms. O'Connor has many CLGs to review, we will only send the minutes of the public hearing for the designation of Chunn's Burying Ground. Ms. Wanaski reviewed the information she will be sending with the Commission. She stated the landmark list should be updated.

Mr. Sandquist addressed the Commission. He introduced himself to the Commissioners that were absent last month and stated the Planning and Development Department is committed to meeting supporting needs of the Commission as a group. He had conversations people from LPCI and IHPA about speaking with the Commission. Mr. Gervais felt that coming to the Commission may be more appropriate for a Joint Council meeting, this way all groups can benefit from their knowledge.

Ms. Brown stated she would like to publish the Commission's request for people to fill the vacancies in the local newspaper. Mr. Sandquist suggested a press release and he will speak with the Administrator's intern to see if that can be prepared.

Ms. Wanaski asked Ms. Mack if the Joint Council meeting could possibly be moved to April because of all of the Lincoln festivities going on. Ms. Mack will check and get back to the Commission. Ms. Wanaski asked the Commission to consider finishing the photographs of the last two landmarks which would be the gates and the cemetery.

Mr. Gervais mentioned that he appreciates the outstanding work that staff has done for the Commission. He said they have always gone out of their way and have acted professionally and are very dedicated.

### **New Business**

Ms. Mack stated she would like to designate Lincoln Road in Chemung as a scenic road as a special project for the bicentennial.

Ms. Collins mentioned she would like to present her Community Character presentation to the County Board. Mr. Sandquist said he will speak to Mr. Austin.

Motion by Ms. Mack that the Commission sends Ms. Selpien's application to the Planning and Development Committee. Mr. Gervais noted a motion is not required. The application goes to the Planning and Development Committee with a memo and they forward it to the County Board. The motion was withdrawn. Ms. Wanaski asked Ms. Selpien for a short resume to be included with the application.

### **Old Business**

There was none due to the interest of time.

### **Summary of Action Items**

- Commissioner names will be added on the agenda under their perspective committees.
- Funding for the landmark photos will be placed on the agenda for next month.
- Ms. Collins will need the projector for the presentation of The Oaks of McHenry County. It will be placed on the agenda for next month under education.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Collins to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 4, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Nick Chirikos, Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Gail Brown, David Gervais, and Laurie Selpien

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guest: Bruce Randall

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at: 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes of February 4, 2009. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Gervais introduced Mr. Randall. Mr. Randall submitted an application to the Commission to fill one of the vacancies. He works as a civil engineer and has a degree in architecture.

**Chairperson Report**

Mr. Chirikos mentioned Ms. Duresa and Ms. Otis tendered their written resignations at the last meeting. A week later, Commissioner Scherschel submitted her resignation. Mr. Chirikos stated he wrote her and thanked her for her service. He welcomed Ms. Selpien as the newest member to the Commission. This leaves three vacancies on the Commission. The Commissioners discussed possible people to fill the vacancies. Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that Kevin Craver a columnist with the Northwest Herald, published a notice in the Community section of the paper advertising that HPC is accepting applications for those vacancies. Ms. Wanaski will e-mail Mr. Craver asking if he can have the article run again.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Rural Intensive Survey**

Ms. Mack began the discussion by mentioning she spoke with Lisa Dichiera, of the Landmarks Preservation Council, who was under the impression the last survey was completed in 1980. Ms. Brown added, especially for the benefit of the newest member and guest that four townships were completed in 1998: Nunda, Grafton, Algonquin and McHenry. The intensive survey started in those townships most impacted by development issues. In 2003, Richmond, Burton, Dorr, Greenwood and Coral were completed. There are eight townships left to be done.



Ms. Brown would like to finish colating the second phase of the survey and have all of the data accessible in notebooks. Ms. Wanaski stated in the past the Planning and Development Department has asked the County for supplemental budget dollars to fund the survey and the Department has been denied those funds. The Commission discussed how to accomplish completing the survey. The survey would not start until next fall.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing. The next Joint Council meeting will be held on April 29th at the Frank Howard Estate. Lisa Dichiera, of the Landmarks Preservation Council, has been tentatively scheduled as the speaker. The Bicentennial Committee Gala was successful and the Hat's Off to Lincoln Display was showcased. It is available for display to other organizations and hopefully will have a permanent home at the Government Center.

### **Coordination of Programs**

None.

### **Old House Support Group**

Mr. Chirikos said he has been talking to Ben Wellington, of Planning and Development, about posting information about the support group on the HPC's website.

### **Communications/Education**

Ms. Collins presented the Oaks of McHenry County video to the Commission. There are negotiations with public television to air the program. After the video, Ms. Collins stated she would like the Commission to formally launch the Heritage Grove program to raise the public's awareness. She suggested a PowerPoint presentation or graphic display be part of the April 29<sup>th</sup> Joint Council meeting.

Ms. Collins said the next issue of the Gazette will be published for "History Month" in May. If the Commission has any suggestions or submissions she would like them by mid-April.

### **Communications**

Mr. Chirikos met with Mr. Wellington and discussed the Commission's web site. They talked about the comprehensive landmark list and how it could be displayed on the site. Mr. Chirikos would like to have a picture of each landmark on one page with a link to a description. He also mentioned creating Google Maps for each landmark.

### **Scenic Streets and Roads**

Ms. Mack stated she would like to designate a Lincoln Road because of the bicentennial. She said a part of Lincoln Road (in McHenry Township) crosses Chapel Hill Road and runs east to Route 12. She would like to designate that section of Lincoln Road. She has a friend who will submit the application.

## **Report from MCCD**

No report.

## **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski reported a Mr. and Mrs. Theis, who live in Bay View Estates, came into Planning and Development. They are seeking information on landmarking their property. After showing them the landmark photos, she provided them with an application and promised to help if they needed assistance with the forms.

She reminded Commission members about turning in their annual reports.

Ms. Wanaski asked Ms. Mack if she would consider putting up a sign at the Joint Council meeting that would illustrate new programs that the Commission is launching such as the Heritage Grove Program. Ms. Wanaski will speak to Chuck Marke about creating a Heritage Grove sign. Commission members will decide next month if they want to order a prototype.

## **New Business**

### **Victory Gardens**

Ms. Selpien told the Commission she would like to work on promoting Victory Gardens.

She researched historic ties to Victory Gardens and came up with an idea to develop a partnership with local nurseries and garden centers to do small seminars on how to grow a victory garden. She suggested possibly having the garden centers compete on how many vegetables they can grow in a certain amount of space. After some discussion, it was decided Ms. Selpien will write up information on the history of victory gardens for an article in the Gazette. An idea for a pamphlet describing victory gardens was also discussed for placing in local libraries.

This item will be put on the agenda under old business for further discussion.

## **Old Business**

### **Photo gallery update**

Ms. Collins said the Commission has a picture of the Trout Valley Gates. Mr. Chirikos said he will take a picture of Chunn's Burying Grounds for the gallery.

## **Summary of action items**

- Binders will be ordered for organizing the rural intensive survey.
- Victory Gardens will be placed on the next agenda item under Old Business.

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Collins to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
APRIL 1, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Gail Brown, David Gervais, and Laurie Selpien

Commissioners Absent: Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guest: Bruce Randall, Steven Greeley, Patricia Doornbosch and Lynn Gray

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at: 7:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of March 4, 2009. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Greeley, Ms. Doornbosch and Ms. Gray introduced themselves to the Commission. They previously submitted an application to the Commission to fill the vacancies.

**Chairperson Report**

No report.

**Standing Committee Reports - Survey**

Ms. Brown turned in her annual report. She said she is updating the landmark list. She would like to revisit the landmarks where the owners have changed hands. The Commission would introduce themselves and bring handouts describing what the Commission does. Ms. Mack, Mr. Chirikos and Ms. Selpien expressed interest on making those visits. They will make an effort to visit these homes in the next month. Ms. Brown said she put together a list of potential landmarks from the 1993 survey team. She would like to update the landmark map along with the landmark list. Scenic Roads will be added to the potential landmark list.

The Heritage Grove Program was discussed. Ms. Wanaski showed the Commission samples of the signs. The Commission decided to have two copies of each sign made, one small and one large. Mr. Gervais asked if a grove was on private property, is the Commission going to require the landowner's approval first. After discussion, it was decided changes will be made to the application and a signature will be required from the landowner before the grove is recognized. The Commission will also follow up with a phone call to verify the

landowner's signature. The Commission decided to make two copies of each sign to bring to the Joint Council meeting next month along with copies of the heritage grove application.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack reported the next Joint Council meeting will be held on April 29th at the Glacial Park Conference Center. They will be discussing the Challenge to the Chicago Preservation Ordinance. Ms. Mack noted that the Commission is co-sponsor of the event and everyone should attend.

Mr. Gervais and Ms. Mack are planning to meet with the Trout Valley Village President to discuss a possible intergovernmental agreement to landmark the Hertz Farm swimming pool.

### **Coordination of Programs**

None.

### **Old House Resources**

No report.

### **Communications/Education**

No report.

### **Communications**

Mr. Chirikos reported that Ben Wellington, of the Planning and Development Department, has made several changes to the front page and interior pages of the Historic Preservation website. The joint council announcement will be posted on the front page along with information on Historic Preservation Month. Mr. Chirikos said the site should be ready to go online in a week.

### **Scenic Streets and Roads**

Ms. Mack dropped off a scenic road application to a friend of hers to complete for Lincoln Road in Lakemoor.

### **Report from MCCD**

Ms. Brown handed out a brochure for the Powers Walker House distributed by MCCD which contained activities for the 2009 season.

### **Report from Staff**

The Federal Government has designated the theme for local history month as "this place counts". Ms. Wanaski said she is working to get Ms. Collins on the County Board agenda for the first Tuesday in May at 9:00 in the morning to give the presentation she created on the historic nature of the County and its landmarks. Ms. Wanaski mentioned since the County Board has new members, it might be a good idea for the Commission to update the pamphlet containing the list of County landmarks along with information on what makes a

landmark and information on the Scenic Road and Heritage Grove Programs. The Commission agreed this would be a great idea. The pamphlet could also be distributed at the April 29th joint council meeting.

### **New Business**

#### ***Application of Bruce Randall***

A motion was made by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to accept Mr. Randall's application for membership to the Historic Preservation Commission and have his application forwarded to the County Board for approval. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

The Commission discussed inviting Tina Hill, the County Board liaison, to a Commission meeting. Mr. Chirikos said he would call Ms. Hill to personally invite her.

Mr. Gervais informed the Commission of the passings of Jo Oakley, past president of the Historical Society and Betty Freeman who was also involved in preservation. Sympathy cards will be sent from our Commission.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Victory Gardens***

Ms. Selpien reported that Countryside Flowers did a demonstration two weeks ago on how to start seeds for a victory garden. Their next demonstration is going to be April 18th at 10:00 a.m. The Barn Nursery is going to have a victory garden demonstration on May 2nd. They are growing the garden on the premises and will be donating the all of the food to local food pantries. Ms. Selpien contacted the Farm Bureau of Woman. They have had a victory garden for a number of years and all of the food they grow goes to food pantries. Mr. Chirikos will post the information on victory gardens on the website.

After discussion it was decided to change the title of Old House Support Group on the agenda to Old House Resources, and list Old House Support Group and Victory Gardens under that as special projects. Endangered sites will be removed from the agenda.

#### ***Photo Gallery***

Photos of Chunn's Burial Ground the Trout Valley Gate are still needed.

### **Summary of action items**

- Ms. Wanaski will provide 2 heritage grove signs of each size and change the heritage grove nomination application for the April 29th Joint Council meeting.
- A County Board handout will be created that will include landmarks, maps, scenic roads and heritage groves for Look at Local History Month for the County Board meeting on first Tuesday morning in May.
- The agenda will be changed replacing Old House Support Group with Old House Resources. Old House Support Group and Victory Gardens will be placed under Old

House Resources as special projects. Ms. Selpien's name will be added under victory gardens, and Endangered Sites will be removed.

- Forward Mr. Randall's application to the Planning and Development Committee for approval and then on to County Board.
- Order Ms. Selpien's name tag.

Ms. Mack asked Mr. Chirikos if she could invite Lisa DiChiera and Adam Kingsley of LPCI, the speakers at the Joint Council meeting, to dinner.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Brown to buy dinner for the speakers from LPCI, not to exceed \$50.00. Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that liquor cannot be purchased and the tip cannot exceed fifteen percent.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Selpien: aye, Mr. Gervais: aye, Ms. Mack: aye, Ms. Brown: aye, Mr. Chirikos: aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mack to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MAY 6, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Gail Brown, David Gervais, Bruce Randall and Laurie Selpien

Commissioners Absent: Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guest: Steven Greeley, Patricia Doornbosch and County Board member and Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, Tina Hill

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at: 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of April 23, 2009. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Hill introduced herself as a County Board member and the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee.

**Chairperson Report**

Mr. Chirikos announced to the Commission that Bruce Randall's application was accepted by the County Board. The Commission will be reviewing additional applications tonight. There are four applicants for two available positions.

Mr. Chirikos asked Commission members to put together a short biography of themselves for the website and submit a photo.

Ms. Collins sent an e-mail to Mr. Chirikos suggesting she take a leave of absence or resign from the Commission due to a health issue. Commission members discussed the bylaws. There is nothing in the bylaws that addresses a leave of absence. If a Commission member informs the Commission they are unable to attend a meeting, it is considered an excused absence. Because nothing other than three unexcused are noted in the bylaws, the Commission suggested Ms. Collins notify the Commission each month when she will absent and return when she is feeling better.

**Standing Committee Reports**  
**Survey**

Ms. Brown gave maps of Lincoln Road dating back to the 1800s to Ms. Mack to include in the Lincoln Road scenic road nomination.

Ms. Brown stated she received a quote on oak trees for the Lincoln Bicentennial Committee tree planting program. The plant ecologist recommended the Lincoln Bicentennial Committee use native oaks that actually came from McHenry County as opposed to going through an outside supplier. It was decided to buy a combination of white and burr oaks as suggested by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown submitted documentation regarding the demolition of several outbuildings at the Glacial Park Lodge Conference Center. The buildings are going to be demolished due to maintenance costs. The buildings consist of the caretaker house, the VIP quarters, a shed that was converted into a second caretaker quarters and the garage.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Brown to recommend the McHenry County Conservation District approve the demolition of the four structures at the Glacial Park Lodge Conference Center. Mr. Chirikos voting nay, all other members voting aye. Motion passed with a five to one vote.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack attended the Joint Council meeting held on April 29th at the Glacial Park Conference Center. It was very well attended with over 40 attendees from various organizations. There were two speakers, Lisa DiChiera and Adam Kingsley from Landmarks Illinois. Lisa spoke on Landmarks Illinois work in McHenry County and other projects in Illinois and Adam spoke on the challenge to the Chicago Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Ms. Mack has been working with Tina Hill on a presentation regarding the Lincoln Oak Planting Program for the June meeting of the McHenry County Council of Mayors.

### **Old House Resources**

#### ***Victory Gardens***

Ms. Selpien reported that several garden centers participated in victory garden activities including *Countryside*, *Tom's Greenhouse* and *Kolze Garden Center*. On April 23rd, during each segment of the morning news on Star 105.5, Stew Cohen did a piece on victory gardens including a sound byte from Ms. Selpien. *Tom's Greenhouse* and *The Garden*, located on Route 31 in Crystal Lake are planting victory gardens. Ms. Selpien put together cards showing the history of victory gardens that will be displayed. All of the food that is grown will be going to soup kitchens or food pantries. Mr. Chirikos suggested he work with Ms. Selpien to create a website page for victory gardens. Ms. Hill thought it would be a good idea if the Commission had its own victory garden. Ms. Hill volunteered to check with the Manager Services Chair about this issue.



### ***Old House Support Group***

Mr. Chirikos distributed an article to the Commission on energy retrofitting of historic homes. The Commission has previously dealt with this issue regarding renovating a historic home in McHenry County and Mr. Chirikos thought the article was very fitting.

### **Communications/Education**

No report.

### **Communications**

Mr. Chirikos reported the McHenry County Historic Preservation website is up and running. He will continue updating it with Ben Wellington, of Planning and Development. Ms. Doornbosch asked who receives the e-mails from the website. She had sent one and it was not delivered. Ms. Wanaski said she would research the issue.

### **Scenic Streets and Roads**

Ms. Mack stated she is working with two people that live on Lincoln Road and she hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

### **Report from MCCD**

Previously covered under survey Committee report.

### **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski stated that she received a bill from Landmarks Illinois for the speakers at the Joint Council meeting. She was unaware, until she received the bill, that there was a speaking fee involved. The fee is \$100.00. She suggested the Commission pay the bill and let the Historical Society pick up any charges that occur in the fall. Ms. Wanaski is going to ask the speakers to e-mail her their presentation for the Commission.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mack to pay the expenditure invoice submitted by the speakers at the Joint Council for \$100.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Selpien: aye, Mr. Gervais: aye, Ms. Mack: aye, Ms. Brown: aye, Mr. Chirikos: aye. Mr. Randall: aye, Motion carried.

At the last meeting there was a motion to buy dinner for the speakers from LPCI, not to exceed \$50.00. The bill was \$89.35.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Randall to approve the additional expenditure of \$39.35 for the dinner.

Ms. Brown voting nay, all other members voting aye. The motion passed with a five to one vote.

Ms. Hill asked the Commission about the rural intensive survey. She stated she would like to advocate for those funds. Mr. Gervais suggested the Commission create a presentation on the intensive survey to explain the importance of the survey and the need for funding.

### **New Business**

#### ***Nomination for the Barber Burying Ground in Riley Township***

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the application. Ms. Brown stated the application for the Barber Burying Ground in Riley Township appears to be complete in its submission and the Commission will have a report next month.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Pending Applications***

The Commission asked Mr. Greely and Ms. Doornbosch to leave the room while the Commission discussed the pending applications for membership to the Commission. After discussion, Mr. Greely and Ms. Doornbosch returned and the following motion was made:

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to recommend Patricia Doornbosch and Steve Greely to the Planning and Development Committee and then to the County Board for appointments as Commissioners. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

A letter will be sent to the other applicants thanking them for their interest, and they will be made aware there are positions available on the scenic roads subcommittee.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Cell Tower Applications***

Two cell tower applications were submitted, one on Route 176 by Burtons Bridge and other one is Dutch Creek in Johnsburg. The Commission acknowledged receipt of the cell towers.

#### ***Photo Gallery***

Tabled.

### **Summary of action items**

- Learn where the e-mails are going from the Commissions website
- Send Ms. Brown's report on the demolition of the buildings at the Glacial Park Lodge Conference Center to Nancy Fike at the McHenry County Historical Society.
- The \$100 speaking fee will be paid to Landmarks Illinois.
- The extra \$39.95 will be paid for the dinner before the Joint Council Meeting.

- The nomination of Ms. Doornbosch and Mr. Greely will be forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee.
- Ms. Wanaski will ask for a copy of the slide presentation from the Joint Council meeting.
- A list of the completed townships from the rural intensive survey and a reminder about the victory garden will be sent to Ms. Hill.
- The Heritage Grove applications will be printed.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Randall to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
JUNE 3, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Gail Brown, David Gervais, Bruce Randall and Laurie Selpien

Commissioners Absent: Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guest: Steven Greeley, Patricia Doornbosch, pending Commission members

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at: 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes of May 28, 2009. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

**Chairperson Report**

Mr. Chirikos stated the May Commission meeting was attended by Ms. Doornbosch and Mr. Greeley who are awaiting County Board approval of their nominations.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Survey**

Ms. Brown reported the Comprehensive Landmark list has been updated to include the Trout Valley Stonegate Entrance and Chunn's Burying Ground.

Ms. Brown submitted documentation regarding the demolition of MCCD structures at two sites. She stated her opinion is that these structures should be demolished based on their current condition. The first structure is owned by the City of Crystal Lake and is located to the east of the intersection of Randall and Ackman Roads. Once the site is cleared the City is going to transfer ownership to MCCD.

The second site is located adjacent to the Alden Sedge Meadow on the north side of Route 173 between Hebron and Alden. There are five buildings; they are all in disrepair. The Commission discussed the possibility of salvaging the building materials.

Motion by Mr. Chirikos, seconded by Mr. Gervais that the Commission recommend investigating the reclamation of building materials of the barn structure prior to burning or land filling of the materials.

After discussion, Mr. Chirikos amended the motion as follows:

Motion by Mr. Chirikos, seconded by Mr. Gervais to investigate the reclamation of the building materials prior to demolition. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Brown discussed the nomination of the Barber Burying Ground. The nomination application was received at the last meeting and Ms. Brown presented her initial report. She said the application was very well prepared and all required items were received.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Brown to move the Barber Burying Ground forward to a public hearing. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

The public hearing will be held on July 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack reported she sent thank you notes to Lisa DiChiera and Adam Kingsley of Landmarks Illinois for their participation at the last Joint Council meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Richmond.

### **Lincoln Bicentennial Program**

Ms. Mack is continuing to work with Ms. Tina Hill on the Lincoln Oak Program which will be presented to the McHenry County Council of Mayors on June 24.

Ms. Mack said she will be calling a meeting of the Scenic Road Sub-Committee. Lynn Gray, a recent applicant for the Commission, has expressed interest in serving on the Sub-Committee.

Ms. Shirley Beene contacted Ms. Mack to inform her she is still working on the Trout Valley Pool.

## **Old House Resources**

### ***Victory Gardens***

Ms. Selpien reported she spoke to Ms. Hill, who said she was going to put together a survey for the County employees to see what interest there would be for a victory garden. The survey was never sent out. Ms. Hill suggested Ms. Selpien present information to the County Board about victory gardens, but Ms. Selpien wanted the survey distributed first. She feels there would not be a need to present to the Board if there is no interest from the employees.

Ms. Mack reported her Mission Committee from her church put in a victory garden at the site of the Wonder Lake Food Pantry.

### ***Old House Support Group***

Mr. Chirikos contacted Bob and Randi Rewoldt regarding damage to their home due to infestation of insects. He said he will go on site and inspect the house and report back to the Commission.

Mr. Chirikos submitted a copy of an article for the minutes on new rules for lead safe remodeling. In April of 2010 a law will go into effect that states contractors who work on homes older than 1978, will be required to be licensed by the EPA and certified or they will be unable to do the work. See attached.

## **Communications/Education**

The website has been updated with color photos of the landmarked sites. Chunn's Burying Ground has been added to the landmark list and the e-mail address has also been re-routed so that all e-mail from the website will be sent directly to Mr. Chirikos.

The 10th annual meeting of the McHenry County Historical Barn Preservation Association will be held on June 20th at the Peter Tinkler barn on McConnel Road in Woodstock.

Mr. Chirikos spoke with Shirley Beene, who is active in the Cary Grove Historical Society. Ms. Beene told Mr. Chirikos there is going to be a meeting Monday, June 8 at the Eldridge Funeral Home in Cary. The Society is out of funds and considering disbanding.

Mr. Chirikos reminded the Commissioners to provide him with biographies for the website. If necessary, pictures of the Commissioners will be taken and posted as well.

## **Communications**

Tabled.

### **Scenic Streets and Roads**

Previously covered under Municipal Liaison

### **Report from MCCD**

Previously covered under Survey Committee report.

### **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski received ordinances from the Village of Huntley. The Huntley Preservation Commission recommended, and the Village Board designated Woodstock Street a historic district as well as several individual residences.

The Heritage Grove application has been updated. Ms. Wanaski distributed copies to the Commissioners. Landmarks Illinois is having their annual meeting at Lake Point Tower in Chicago.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Nomination for the Barber Burying Ground in Riley Township***

Previously covered under Survey Committee report.

### **Photo Gallery**

Mr. Chirikos will be taking the photos for the gallery.

### **Summary of action items**

- Prepare and publish data for the July 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing for the landmarking of the Barber Burying Ground.
- Look for Dreamweaver software through our IT department
- Copies of the Huntley ordinances will be e-mailed to Mr. Gervais and Mr. Greeley.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Randall to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**MCHEMRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
JULY 1, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Nick Chirikos, Gloria Mack, Gail Brown, Denise Collins, Steve Greeley, Bruce Randall, Trish Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien and Dave Gervais

Commissioners Absent: none

Staff: Dennis Sandquist, Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7: 20 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Brown seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of June 3, 2009. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Chairperson Report**

Chairman Chirikos welcomed the two newest members to the Commission; Steve Greeley and Trish Doornbosch. He stated that the Commission is looking forward to advancing the Barber Burying Ground Cemetery as the next landmark. He also mentioned the need for the Commission to apply for grant funds for the Intensive Survey and other projects. He is working with Ms. Mack and has begun speaking to state officials.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Survey**

Ms. Brown's items are covered under other agenda items.

**Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack reported that she met with Ms. Doornbosch to discuss the Scenic Road Program. Ms. Doornbosch agreed to chair this subcommittee. Members of this subcommittee were contacted to schedule a get acquainted meeting. The meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Borders in Crystal Lake.

**Lincoln Bicentennial Program**

Ms. Mack and Tina Hill, County Board member, attended the McHenry County Council of Government's meeting and gave a brief presentation of the Bicentennial Oak Program. Brochures were passed out and a rock prototype marker was brought to the meeting. It was suggested there be a ceremony for each planting. Mr. Gervais noted that he liked the involvement from Ms. Hill and felt she is really committed to the Commission.



## **Old House Resources**

### **Old House Support Group**

Mr. Chirikos reported that the Rewoldt home repairs are on hold until funds are available.

### **Victory Gardens**

Ms. Selpien reported that 300 plants were donated and ready for planting in a victory garden. She said she had requested Ms. Hill to have the tilling work done for liability reasons. Ms. Hill sent the requested to legal and it never returned. One of the main questions was who is responsible if someone gets hurt on County property. Ms. Selpien asked the Commission where they want to go with this. Mr. Gervais felt it would be next year if an actual garden would be planted. Ms. Selpien also mentioned that the master gardener program would like to help with this project. Ms. Wanaski suggested that the County has a landscaper and it could be requested that they could do the tilling for the victory garden. Chairman Chirikos asked if the Commission could facilitate this project without becoming involved in actual planting perhaps by providing the history and background on victory gardens, preparing a pamphlet, and including the information on the website.

Ms. Wanaski received a call from Jamie Sutherland, and she said that Ms. Sutherland would like to pursue a victory garden not-for-profit agency. Ms. Wanaski suggested she contact Tom Riley a senior grant writer for the Continuum of Care, which is an agency of all the service providers in the County. The main question was if townships could do this and use CDBG funds. Ms. Sutherland could come to the next meeting and will have her business plan completed. Mr. Gervais suggested contacting the master gardeners and inviting them to the next meeting as well. Ms. Collins said she agreed with Chairman Chirikos that the Commission should not be as involved by getting their hands dirty. This item is tabled until the August meeting where the Commission will listen to what Ms. Sutherland has to say. If this was to move forward it might provide public relations opportunities for the Commission. It was suggested to invite Ms. Hill to the next meeting. (No written report.)

## **Communications/Education**

### **Oak Program**

The Heritage applications were provided to the Commission. Ms. Collins mentioned that she knows of many oak groves and will fill out applications to submit at the next meeting. Once submissions are made, volunteers will be needed to contact property owners. She felt this would be a big undertaking.

Ms. Brown brought a map that was created by Ben Haberthur of MCCD. The map included layers created by the Morton Arboretum. The map is digitized and has the locations of witness trees from the 1837 survey. The trees are categorized on the map by the type of tree. The GIS specialist at MCCD has a copy of the layer of this map. She said all that needs to be done is to go to the site and see if the tree still exists. Ed Collins from MCCD needs to be persuaded into printing the rest of the map. Ms. Brown said she did not have the time to investigate all the trees. Chairman Chirikos suggested putting this on the website and could ask the public if any of the trees are on their property or if they know of any of the trees. It could be a contest or a campaign.

## **Gazette**

Ms. Collins will start working on the Gazette. Mr. Gervais felt it was important to continue with the Gazette to reach out to children about the County's history and heritage. It was decided that the Gazette will remain in a paper form, but also be provided in a digital format.

## **Scenic Roads**

Ms. Collins mentioned that she, along with Ms. Brown, thought Tryon Grove Road from the Richmond High School to Route 47 is something to look at and should be a scenic road. There are horse stables, well renovated and preserved historic house, historic cemetery and the first County landmark which is Tryon Grove Farms. Nominating Tryon Grove Road and Vanderr Karr Road would be 2 scenic roads through Richmond and Hebron Townships.

## **Communications**

Chairman Chirikos reported that nothing further has been added to HPC website.

He contacted Diane McGowan regarding land marking her property known as the Haligus School. He will pursue the matter when she returns his phone call.

He received a bill from Traverse Global for the web hosting fee. There is also a domain name renewal. It is nearly \$130.00 per year. The Commission owns both mcchpc.com and org. He recommends dropping the .com and saving \$20 and also renewing on a 5-year basis. The Commission agreed and also would like to bring this to a local company. It was the consensus to go with a local county business. Mr. Sandquist said that since the Commission is paying for the name is there a need for someone to host this or can it go on the County's website. Ms. Brown made a motion seconded by Ms. Mack that the Commission move the website to a local source and research possibilities for next year. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Mack to contact mc.net to relocate the web hosting service and domain renewal mchhp.org and drop the other domain name.com provided that the total cost is not to exceed the amount of the present bill of \$127.35 seconded by Ms. Brown. Roll call vote: Mack: yes; Brown: yes, Collins: yes; Greeley: yes; Randall: yes; Doornbosch: yes; Selpien: yes; Gervais: yes; Chirikos: yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Wanaski noted the designation for the Barber Cemetery will go to the Planning and Development Committee on July 16<sup>th</sup> or August 6<sup>th</sup> and proceed to the County Board on August 18<sup>th</sup> for approval.

Ms. Doornbosch attended that Peoples Economic Development Corporation meeting. She mentioned that they covered a program sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce Opportunity & Tourism which promotes economic development through historic preservation. They can help with grants at the federal and local levels. They are a consultant that makes money on the fees.

### **New Business**

A brochure on the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Illinois History was provided. A copy will be provided in the minutes. This item will be brought up at the next meeting.

Ms. Collins requested business cards for the Commission. She also spoke about Dead Fred, a website where pictures of unknown people are posted and you can figure out who people are.

Mr. Greely mentioned that he is working on the Hannah case which deals with a Chicago Preservation Ordinance. There will be research on this and amendments will be made.

It was questioned if the Allendale Bridge will have a new home. The Commission requested a purple banner be placed across its picture as a lost landmark.

### **Summary of action items**

- Order stones for Chunns Burying Ground and Barber Burying Grounds
- Contact MCDOT regarding Allendale Bridge
- IT- website
- Heritage Grove Brochures to be placed in the front brochure holder

Ms. Collins mentioned that she has 2 historic cemetery signs to donate if any of Township Highway Road Commissioners would like them.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Gervais to continue the meeting at Borders in Crystal Lake on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Ms. Mack. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 5, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Steve Greeley, David Gervais, Bruce Randall and Chairman Nick Chirikos

Commissioners Absent: Gail Brown

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guests: Paul Ostrander, Huntley Park District Grounds Director and Jerry Nepermann, Huntley Park District Commissioner.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to amend the agenda to consider the pending Certificate of Appropriateness for the Stowell-Deicke Farmstead. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Huntley Park District Certificate of Appropriateness**

The certificate of appropriateness is for an exterior alteration to the Sun Valley Farm Barn (Stowell-Deicke Farmstead) which is a local landmark. The advertisement for bids, which explains the project, is attached to these minutes. The Park District was going to do the project last year, but it was not started and that is why they are resubmitting the specifications regarding the project. Mr. Ostrander brought pictures for the Commission to review. He said they were originally going to use wood shake shingles but the cost was too high.

After discussion, Mr. Chirikos asked the Commission how they feel about the appropriateness of the modifications per the proposed work. Ms. Collins stated she is not enthusiastic about the asphalt shingles but understands the work needs to be completed.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Chirikos to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Huntley Park District for the reroofing of the Sun Valley Farm Barn (Stowell-Deicke Farmstead) as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Collins: yes, Mr. Randall: yes, Ms. Mack: yes, Ms. Doornbosch: yes, Mr. Greeley: yes, Mr. Gervais: no, Ms. Selpien: yes, Mr. Chirikos: yes. The motion passed by a vote of eight to one.

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was noted the tree survey that Ms. Brown submitted looks to be incomplete. Ms. Martin will contact Ms. Brown for the complete survey.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Collins to approve the minutes of July 1, 2009 as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### **Chairperson Report**

Mr. Chirikos submitted his report in writing and it is attached. He commented on the public hearing that was held at the last meeting on the nomination of the Barber Burying Ground located in Riley Township. The nomination was approved. Ms. Wanaski said the nomination will go to the Planning and Development Committee tomorrow (August 6, 2009) and be placed on the County Board agenda. (August 18<sup>th</sup>.)

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Survey**

No report.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She informed the Commission the next Joint Council meeting will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall on Route 12 in Richmond. The historic groups will present reports on their activities. Ms. Mack reported because of the long presentations from Landmark Illinois at the last meeting, some of the members were upset that they did not have enough time to present their reports. Ms. Mack said she is going to suggest the meeting dates be changed from March to April. She pointed out the weather is better in April and that would make it easier for guest speakers who have to travel from far distances.

Ms. Mack asked if the Commission has received a response from the Village of Cary regarding the landmark application. Ms. Wanaski answered nothing has been received.

### **Old House Resources**

#### **Old House Support Group**

Mr. Chirikos visited Ms. Diane McGowan at her residence, formally the Haligus School in Lakemoor on Haligus Road. Ms. McGowan wants to do some renovation on the building. It is not currently plaqued or recognized. She wants to bring the building back to a more original look from when it was a school. They discussed taking down the second floor and opening it up to make it one large room, keeping it habitable as a residence. Ms. McGowan would also like to change the entrance from the side of the house to the front where it was originally. She is considering applying for landmark status in the future. Mr. Chirikos passed around pictures of the property to the Commission.

### **Victory Gardens**

Ms. Selpien visited Tom's Greenhouse on Algonquin Road in Huntley. Tom has put in a victory garden. Ms. Selpien passed around pictures to the Commission of the garden. She also went to the Barn Nursery. Their victory garden is not doing as well as Tom's. Ms.

Selpien mentioned setting up victory gardens in poor areas next year. Ms. Collins suggested having a category at the McHenry County Fair under victory gardens.

### **Education**

Ms. Collins spoke to her husband, Ed Collins from MCCD, regarding getting a map of witness trees. He said there is so much information that the Commission should consider narrowing their focus.

### **Gazette**

Ms. Collins stated she has an outline for a Lincoln Logs article.

### **Communications**

Mr. Chirikos stated the Commission's domain name is expired, so he sent in \$15 to Traverse Global and it is now active for another year. Mr. Chirikos let the .com expire instead of keeping both .com and .org. The web site is now a .org. Mr. Chirikos contacted MC.net to inquire about webhosting and e-mail. He received a quote for \$165 for the web hosting plus an additional \$55 for the e-mail. Traverse Global, who the Commission has been using, quoted \$107 for the web hosting plus the \$15 that was paid. Mr. Chirikos recommends staying with Travers Global.

Motion by Mr. Greeley, seconded by Mr. Gervais to budget and appropriate the amount needed to pay Traverse Global for the web hosting and e-mail service not to exceed the amount from the last billing statement being \$127.35. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Collins: yes, Mr. Randall: yes, Ms. Mack: yes, Ms. Doornbosch: yes, Mr. Greeley: yes, Mr. Gervais: yes, Ms. Selpien: yes, Mr. Chirikos: yes. Motion passed.

### **Scenic Roads**

Ms. Doornbosch submitted written comments and they are attached. She reported the Scenic Roads Committee met at Borders in Crystal Lake on July 8th. Present were Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Lynn Gray and Sarah Edwards. Ms. Doornbosch reviewed her comments with the Commission. She said she has been looking at the Scenic Road files to see if there is anything that may be helpful with future publicity. Ms. Gray will be contacting local bicycle clubs to further help with promotion.

### **Report from MCCD**

None.

### **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski reported the annual conference this year is going to be held in Quincy Illinois on September 11 and 12th. They are offering scholarships. She reminded the Commission they will be reimbursed for the cost of the conference if they attend.

### **New Business**

Ms. Wanaski said that County Board member, Tina Hill, asked that the rural survey be submitted as a supplemental budget request for fiscal year 2010.

## **Old Business**

### **Photo Gallery**

The Commission agreed to wait to place the order for the pictures of the remaining landmarks until they get the photo of the Barber Burying Grounds.

### **Summary of action items**

- Ms. Mack will drop off the Joint Council flyer and send the contract for the use of Memorial Hall for the next Joint Council meeting to staff next week.
- Ms. Martin will contact Ms. Brown regarding the witness tree survey.
- Written reports will be submitted at next month's meeting so the Commission can view the Community character presentation and the VCR tape of the architecture presentation from the State.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Randall to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**MCHEMRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Steve Greeley, David Gervais, Bruce Randall and Chairman Nick Chirikos

Commissioners Absent: Gail Brown

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guests: Doyle and MaryLou Endres, owners of the Old Mill in Alden

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of the August 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 HPC meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Collins to amend the agenda to allow Ms. Collins to present three slide shows. She presented Community Character, Remaindering of the Nippersink and the Oaks of McHenry County.

**Alden Road/Bridge Project**

Mr. & Mrs. Endres submitted a landmark application for the Alden Mill in Alden. Ms. Endres explained how the Alden Road and bridge project impacts her property. She said there are two projects, the Alden Bridge project, which consists of replacing the bridge and widening the road directly north and south of the bridge. MCDOT wants to widen the bridge 8 feet on each side and the shoulder along the road. The Mill is in the road right-of-way, and Ms. Endres said MCDOT has agreed to take it out of the right-of-way because it runs through her house.

The other project is the Alden Road project which encompasses all of Alden Road north and south of the bridge beyond the town. MCDOT wants to increase the right-of-way from 35 feet on each side to 60 feet on each side of the center line of the road. The 60-foot right-of-way will impact yards, trees and corners of buildings. MCDOT has agreed to meet with the residents regarding the 60-foot right-of way. The road project is in Phase 1 and it is on hold until next spring.

The Endres' live next to the bridge. The guard rail would go across their north driveway and they would lose access to their well. After Ms. Endres raised objection to that, MCDOT agreed to remove the guard rail once every ten years if they need access to their well. Their property goes to the middle of the road, and they own the property under the bridge.



Ms. Endres said MCDOT is taking an easement because a variance would not be valid. Where the right-of-way runs through her living room, MCDOT is going to do a jog around the building.

Ms. Wanaski stated the right-of way issue needs to be resolved before the Commission can proceed with the application because the HPC does not have landmarking privileges in the right-of-way. Once a new plat of survey has been filed, the Commission can then go forward. The Commission will keep the nomination application on file.

### **Chairperson Report**

Chairman Chirikos submitted his report in writing and it is attached. He stated the Barber Burying Ground was recommended for landmark status and the County Board will vote on the nomination at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### ***Survey***

No report.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. The next meeting of the Joint Council will be held at the Riley Methodist Church. Directions will be posted on the Planning and Development web site.

The Barber Burying Ground landmark ceremony is being put on hold until next spring so that members of the Barber family can attend. The nominators are hoping to find a suitable rock for the plaque along the fence line.

### **Old House Resources**

#### ***Victory Gardens***

Ms. Selpien reported Tina Hill, County Board member, contacted her and told her the County has land available for a victory garden next year. There is access to water and the County has agreed to till it. At this time, Ms. Selpien does not know the exact location. Tom's Victory Garden had their first load of vegetables ready for the Algonquin food pantry.

### **Old House Support Group**

Chairman Chirikos submitted his report in writing and it is attached. He distributed a copy of an article titled "New Principles for Old Buildings". The author advocates review for change or overhaul of the "Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" by the Secretary of the Interior.

He also distributed copies of a flyer announcing the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual McHenry County Barn Tour which is going to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Communications**

Chairman Chirikos reported he has attempted to make changes to the website but has been unsuccessful. He asked the Commission for ideas for the website and he will forward those to Ben Wellington of Planning and Development.

## **Education**

### ***Gazette***

Ms. Collins reported the back to school issue of the Gazette is almost done and if the Commission has anything for the issue, they should send it her.

## **Scenic Roads Subcommittee**

Ms. Doornbosch reported she has been e-mailing with the other members of the Scenic Roads Committee to get a procedure in place. She suggested trying to acquire new members at the next Joint Council meeting.

Ms. Mack reported she has had a difficult time getting the scenic road nomination application for Lincoln Road. She tried to get the Social Studies class at Montini School to apply. She is going to try the McHenry Landmark Commission next.

## **Report from MCCD**

No Report

## **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski reported the Allendale Bridge was removed on August 6th. Mr. Gervais suggested a formal removal by motion as an agenda item under new business at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

Mr. Gervais stated he has a potential conflict with the Alden Bridge project. He informed the Commission if there is any discussion on the Alden Bridge project, he will have to excuse himself from the conversation and leave the room.

## **Old Business**

Ms. Wanaski stated she received a call from Mr. Ostrander of the Huntley Park District. He said the Park District has received Board approval proceed with the new roof that was discussed at last month's HPC meeting.

## ***Photo Gallery***

It was stated the Commission will wait to place the order for the pictures of the remaining landmarks until they get the photo of the Barber Burying Grounds.

Chairman Chirikos stated he was at an event where there were historical displays. The Dekalb County Historical Society has published a book called the "Dekalb County Historical Resources Guide". The guide lists all of the museums, the historical societies and historical resources in Dekalb County. Chairman Chirikos thought the Commission should create an historical guide for McHenry County.

Mr. Greeley volunteered to work on the grant application for this project. The grant application is required to be postmarked by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

After discussion the Commission decided to hold a special meeting in order to vote on the grant application.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to schedule a special meeting at the Riley Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss and vote on applying for a grant and preparing an historical resource publication for McHenry County.

### **Summary of action items**

- The directions to the Joint Council meeting will be posted on the County's web site.

### **Adjournment**

The Commission agreed by consensus to continue the meeting at the Riley Methodist Church on September 23, 2009 at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 7, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Steve Greeley, David Gervais, Bruce Randall and Chairman Nick Chirikos

Commissioners Absent: Gail Brown and Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Selpien to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 HPC meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Chairperson Report**

Mr. Chirikos reported the September meeting was continued at the Riley Methodist Church. The Commission addressed the grant application for funding the resource booklet which passed by a unanimous vote. Ms. Collins has received bids for the publication and it appears the money it may cost will be more than the Commission anticipated. The Commission may need to consider options to reduce the cost of publication. It may cost \$5,000 to print and the grant is \$2500 maximum. The grant application is due November 30th.

The Barn Association is having their barn tour on November 10th. It will focus in Dorr and Grafton townships.

**Standing Committee Reports**

***Survey***

No report. Mr. Chirikos informed the Commission that due to personal issues, Ms. Brown will no longer be able to continue as the chair of the rural intensive survey project. He asked Mr. Randall if he would consider taking over as the chair of the committee.

Mr. Gervais suggested adding an agenda item under new business for next month to address the creation of a task force for the rural intensive survey.

**Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. The Joint Council meeting met on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were 19 representatives of historic groups present. The March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake.

The Barber family requested that the Barber Cemetery landmarking ceremony be held on April 17, 2010. Ms. Mack will be planning the ceremony with the nominators and family members.

The Lincoln Oaks Program continues to do well. Ms. Mack continues to deliver trees and markers. There are still some outstanding orders for both trees and markers.

Ms. Mack asked the Commission for help on the Cary Cemetery. The Commission has an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Cary and has received a landmark application for the cemetery. There has been a transition in Cary and this has not moved forward. Mr. Gervais said he would speak to someone at the Village to try and get this resolved.

### **Old House Resources**

#### ***Victory Gardens***

Ms. Selpien submitted her report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. The County Board has approved a resolution for a victory garden in 2010. The location for the garden is behind the Administration Building.

Tom's victory garden produced over 100 lbs of food which was delivered to the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry. They agreed to do it again next year with Tom's approval. Ms. Selpien asked about requesting donations from sponsors. Mr. Gervais suggested speaking with the State's Attorney's office to see what would be appropriate. Community service volunteers could also be used. Ms. Wanaski will also check the jurisdiction of the property.

Ms. Selpien would like a letter sent to Tom from the Commission thanking him for his participation in growing the victory garden.

#### ***Old House Support Group***

Mr. Chirikos updated the Commission on the demolition of Grace Hall in the City of Woodstock. He stated there cannot be a permit issued for demolition without the organization that owns the property presenting building plans to the City of Woodstock. This has not been done, but there is little chance the building can be saved.

### **Communications**

Mr. Chirikos stated the website needs updating. Ms. Doornbosch said she would like to get the scenic roads posted to the website.

### **Education**

#### ***Gazette***

No Report.

### **Scenic Roads Subcommittee**

Ms. Doornbosch stated the subcommittee has created a scenic road application which is attached to these minutes. In her research, she discovered a website called

scenicillinois.org which is based out of Des Plaines. This could be a good source of information for the Commission.

### **Report from MCCD**

No Report

### **Report from Staff**

No Report

### **New Business**

#### ***Community Guide Grant***

This was discussed previously under the Chairperson's Report.

### ***2010 Meeting Dates***

After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Randall to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Photo Gallery***

Tabled.

The Commission discussed Alden Road. Mr. Gervais excused himself during this discussion. Mr. Chirikos asked the Commission for their thoughts on stating their objection to MCDOT. Ms. Wanaski suggested having a transportation planner come and talk to the Commission about the plans for Alden Road.

### **Summary of action items**

- An agenda item under new business will be added to address creating a task force for the Rural Intensive Survey.
- Ms. Wanaski will contact the State's Attorney's office in regards to the Commission asking for donations from sponsors for the County's victory garden.
- Ms. Wanaski will call MCDOT to see if she can arrange for a transportation planner to attend the November meeting to discuss the Alden Road Project with the Commission.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Steve Greeley, Bruce Randall and Chairman Nick Chirikos

Commissioners Absent: David Gervais

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:09.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Greeley, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 HPC meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Chairperson Report**

Mr. Chirikos stated he does not have a written report tonight, but said he would forward it later in the week.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Survey**

Mr. Chirikos asked Mr. Randall if he had anything to report. Mr. Randall stated he has tried to contact Ms. Brown to discuss what is involved with continuing the work of the intensive rural survey since she will be stepping down; however it was noted he was using an incorrect contact number. There was a brief discussion on the difference between acting as the chair of the Survey Committee versus the rural intensive survey. Ms. Brown explained the Survey Committee is defined by the Ordinance and there are rules and procedures. The Survey Committee goes on site and looks at property for landmark nominations. They also respond to cell phone tower requests and research certificates of appropriateness. The rural intensive survey is a subcommittee of the Survey Committee. Mr. Chirikos stated the Commission would like to move the rural intensive survey forward. Ms. Brown and Mr. Randall will get together in order that she can guide Mr. Randall on the duties of the chairperson. Mr. Chirikos then confirmed Mr. Randall as the Chairman of the Survey and Landmark Committee.

Ms. Brown said there is a property owned by MCCD that is going to be demolished. She passed around pictures to the Commission. There is an Italianate bay window on the house. She stated it was suggested that the Historical Society acquire the bay window for the museum. Ms. Brown remarked as long as the architectural elements are removed and used

by the historical society or used in other old houses, she agrees with the decision to demolish the house. The house is not planned for demolition until the spring.

### **Municipal Liaison**

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. The main topic was the Lincoln Oaks Project. The project has been going very well.

### **Old House Resources**

#### ***Victory Gardens***

Ms. Selpien reported she received an e-mail from Ms. Tina Hill that the property slated for the County victory garden has been tilled.

#### ***Old House Support Group***

No report.

### **Communications**

Ms. Collins submitted her report in writing and it is attached to these minutes. She reported she received seven replies to her e-mails requesting information for the historical resource publication. She said there are six people interested that have not sent information. She is planning on sending an additional e-mail to those who have responded asking for a short paragraph containing their address and contact information.

Ms. Collins informed the Commission she is working on a PowerPoint presentation for the Heritage Grove Program and hopes to have it completed for the January meeting.

Mr. Chirikos showed the Commission the updated HPC website. He demonstrated the new features such as links to maps locating the scenic roads and landmarked properties. Ms. Collins suggested posting Community Character presentation on the site.

### **Education**

No report.

### **Scenic Roads Subcommittee**

Ms. Doornbosch did not have a report, but suggested advertising openings for members on the Scenic Road Subcommittee on the website.

### **Report from MCCD**

Mr. Brown reported there were over 200 people at the Powers Walkers House Harvest Gathering of 1858 on Sunday.

### **Report from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski stated she received an e-mail from MaryLou Endres owner of the Alden Mill. Ms. Endres has received a plat of vacation from the Department of Transportation and would like to go forward with the landmark application for the Alden Mill.



### **New Business**

#### ***Application for the landmark designation of Alden Mill***

This was discussed under Report from Staff.

### **Old Business**

The Commission decided to meet at Georgio's Restaurant in Crystal Lake for the next meeting.

### **Summary of action items**

- Mr. Randall and Ms. Brown will meet to discuss the Survey Committee.
- Ms. Collins will send an additional e-mail for more information on the
- Mr. Chirikos will check into posting the Community Character presentation on the website.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Doornbosch, seconded by Ms. Collins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 2, 2009**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Gloria Mack, Trisha Doornbosch, Laurie Selpien, Steve Greeley, Bruce Randall, David Gervais and Chairman Nick Chirikos

Commissioners Absent: Denise Collins

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski, Dennis Sandquist and Audrey Martin

**Call to Order**

Chairman Chirikos called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to continue all HPC business to the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Gervais to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.