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The following meetings of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the McHenry County Administration Center 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL unless otherwise posted.

December 3, 2003

January 7, 2004

February 4, 2004

March 3, 2004

April 7, 2004

May 5, 2004

June 2, 2004

July 7, 2004

August 4, 2004

September 1, 2004

October 6, 2004

November 3, 2004

McHenry County
Historic Preservation Commission Agenda
Wednesday, January 5, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON: **Election of Officers**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. SURVEY
Special Projects
Endangered Sites
Rural Intensive Survey

II. MUNICIPAL LIAISON
Special Projects
Joint Council

III. COMMUNICATIONS
Special Projects
Website

IV. EDUCATION
Special Projects
Publication: *Gazette*

V. SCENIC STREETS/ROADS:

REPORT FROM MCCD:

REPORT FROM PLANNING STAFF:

- Year-end reports
- LPCI statewide conference dates: June 2nd – 4th (See Christmas card)
- Gloria reappointed to 2009
- Randi appointed to fill vacant term to 2006 – have Randi fill in phone numbers/email etc on roster
- Aimee has CDBG info in her folder, questions to Matt
- Bonnie has corrected numbers for the Mason Hill scenic road signs
- Gloria has newspaper article about Huntley's HPC
- Carrie has Endangered Sites request from LPCI
- Maryanne's folder: Lustron article,

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: Review of the Commission's *Ordinance/Plan/Rules & Procedures*

ADJOURNMENT

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Gloria Mack called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gloria Mack; Chairman, David Gervais, David Stack, Aimee Collins, Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Brian Hora, Bonnie Duresa, Randi Rewoldt, and Carrie Koster Horan.

Staff: Maryann Wanaski, Cindy Sassaman and Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was deferred until later in the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Mack spoke about Local History week which has been extended through the entire month of May. The next meeting for Local History Month will be on March 2, and Randi will attend.

She also noted that the Joint Council meeting is in March and Gloria will be out of town during that time. It was noted that the fall meeting may be canceled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Mack made a motion to nominate Carrie Koster Horan for Chairperson, David Stack for Vice Chairman and Gail Drabant for Secretary. No other nominations were made. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hora, seconded by Mr. Stack to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Koster Horan called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. under her chairmanship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Stack to approve the minutes of December 1, 2004. Ms. Koster Horan requested that her name be added to the list of absent members. Motion

by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Stack to amend the minutes as corrected. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Recommendations for standing committees will be presented at the next regular meeting by Ms. Koster Horan.

SURVEY

No report.

ENDANGERED SITES

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS/EDUCATION

Ms. Collins has Issue #4 of the Gazette ready for disbursement. If anyone has any ideas for the next issue please forward them to Denise. She also noted that she has the digital pictures for the website. When more is completed on the website it will be presented to the Commission.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

The River Road application was not formally approved. In order for this to be approved a vote must be taken at the municipal level so that payment for the signs are approved. Ms. Duresa expects to present the application at the March Commission meeting.

Ms. Duresa mentioned that another scenic road sign is missing from Fox River Grove. Ms. Wanaski will order a new street sign from Plum Tree when Mr. Miller is ready for the sign. She also noted that she has the stickers for the Mason Hill Road signs. (number correction)

There was discussion on the scenic road signs being taken down and stolen and possibly adding a note on the sign that states it is government property. The Commission decided against this measure.

Ms. Duresa mentioned that the Commission's handouts and nomination form regarding scenic roads are fine but need more information regarding the cost of the sign and the sign requirements. She will obtain sign requirements from Bob Miller and offer suggested changes to the Commission at a later date.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski noted that she had not heard back from Mr. Ganek from the Village of Algonquin but will contact him next week.

The Commission expressed an interest in having the scenic road sign graphics copyrighted. Mr. Gervais suggested contacting Attorney Matt Perrone in Algonquin. He later offered to call for the information.

Ms. Wanaski announced that there are CDBG funds available for historic preservation and not many applications are received for this category. She requested Aimee Collins to contact Matt Hansel in Planning and Development regarding these funds.

The statewide conference will be held in Joliet this year, June 2nd through the 4th.

Ms. Wanaski announced that Gloria Mack was reappointed to the Commission with a term expiring in 2009 and Randi Rewoldt was appointed to fill a vacancy which will expire in 2006.

Ms. Wanaski received correspondence from Mr. Fiske requesting a letter of understanding from the Commission regarding historic barns. Mr. Gervais suggested writing a resolution recognizing his work on historic barns. The Commission was in agreement and Mr. Gervais will create the resolution.

A letter was received from Mr. Pendergrass voicing concerns over Mason Hill Road designation as a scenic road. He is concerned about increased traffic and litter on the roadway due to the scenic road designation. Ms. Koster Horan will respond to the letter and explain the process that is followed when designating a scenic road.

Mr. Hora announced that there will be a conference in Waukegan on the barns of Lake County during the month of April.

Annual Report attendance sheets will be needed for next month.

It was noted that the bylaws will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Ms. Wanaski asked for a volunteer to speak to the County Board regarding signs on barns and discuss older barns with historic significance or that are part of the national register. Several signs in the County were discussed as examples. She noted that this would be the County Board Meeting on March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gervais and seconded by Mr. Stack. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**McHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Carrie Koster Horan called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carrie Koster Horan; Chairman, Gail Drabant, David Gervais, David Stack, Denise Collins, Aimee Collins, and Randi Rewoldt.

Absent: Gloria Mack & Bonnie Duresa.

Excused absence: Brian Hora

Staff: Maryann Wanaski, Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Stack to approve the minutes of February 2, 2005. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Koster Horan mentioned that she had drafted a letter responding to a Mr. Pendergrass who voiced concerns over Mason Hill Road being designated as a scenic road. She asked for any feedback from the Commission. Ms. Koster Horan read the letter out loud and questioned the public hearing process. Ms. Wanaski mentioned that the Scenic Road Sub Committee submits their application and then they appear before each governmental body that has jurisdiction over that road. This would have been an agenda item at one of Bull Valley's village meetings and also on the Dorr and Nunda Township agendas. Staff will re-draft the letter and submit to Ms. Koster-Horan for approval.

Ms. Koster Horan stated copies of the Gazette have been dropped off at the Marengo Public Library and the Library of Harvard.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Ms. Koster Horan stated she has put together a list recommending standing committee members for the upcoming year. They are:

- **Survey:** Brian Hora, David Stack, Gail Drabant, and Carrie Koster Horan
- **Municipal Liaison:** Gloria Mack
- **Communication and Education:** Denise Collins
- **Scenic Streets and Roads:** Bonnie Duresa, Randi Rewoldt

Mr. Gervais volunteered to help on a part-time basis.

SURVEY

No report.

Ms. Wanaski stated she received a call from a Mrs. Granger who lives on Lily Lake Road. She would like her house nominated. Ms. Wanaski gave Mr. Stack the information to follow up.

Ms. Wanaski stated there has been no word whether the CLG grant was approved for Phase III of the Rural Intensive Survey.

MUNICIPAL LIASON

No report

ENDANGERED SITES

No report

COMMUNICATIONS/EDUCATION

Ms. Denise Collins completed a Dreamweaver class and asked the Commission for suggestions on the website. Suggestions included, the Gazette in PDF form, various links such as the Powers Walker House, HPC's calendar, the Historical Society, the Barn Preservation Group, other County / Municipal Preservation Commissions, Endangered Sites, IHPA in Springfield, Landmark Preservation Council of Illinois, and a history link. Other suggestions included a section on how to research your house, various forms such as a nomination form. Ms. Wanaski said she would e-mail information to Denise. Ms. Collins stated she would like to have the site up and running by History Month in May.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

Bonnie Duresa submitted her comments in writing because she was attending a meeting about "Local History Month." See attached.

Ms. Duresa recommended to the Commission that River Road be approved.

Motion by Ms. Drabant seconded by Ms. Koster Horan to approve the designation of River Road through Seneca and Marengo Townships as Scenic Road #4. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Wanaski will bind the application and history and send to Gloria to give to each of the townships.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski referenced a letter received from Mathew Perrone on the matter of cost for having the scenic road sign copyrighted. A discussion was had regarding negotiating his fees up to fee quoted.

Mr. Gervais made a motion seconded by Ms. Drabant to approve the \$250 and to obtain a copyright for the scenic roads. Roll call was taken and all present voted as follows: Gail Drabant: aye, David Stack: aye, David Gervais: aye, Denise Collins: aye, Randi Rewoldt: aye Carrie Koster Horan, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Gervais then made a motion seconded by Ms. Drabant to direct Maryanne to enter into negotiations with Matthew Perrone JR. to obtain the copyright. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maryanne requested approving the Commission's Annual Report per CLG requirements. Denise Collins made the motion, seconded by Gail Drabant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Gail Drabant thanked Maryanne for all of the work she has done putting the report together.

NEW BUSINESS

Denise Collins mentioned the Commission Awards Program and said that the Commission was eligible. The application needs to be postmarked by March 21. There is a \$10 dollar entry fee. Mr. Gervais suggested the Gazette publication should be entered. Denise mentioned the scenic roads would also be a good idea. Mr. Gervais suggested nominating Denise only and not the Commission. Gail Drabant offered to write something with Randi Rewoldt. Denise will do the write up for submission for the scenic road application.

Motion by Carrie Koster-Horan seconded by Mr. Gervais to submit nominations for the Gazette and Scenic Roads for the Commission Awards. Mr. Gervais approved the \$20 entry fee. Roll call was taken and all present voted as follows: Gail Drabant: aye, David Stack: aye, David Gervais: aye, Denise Collins: aye, Randi Rewoldt: aye Carrie Koster Horan: aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of ordinances will be saved for another month.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gervais and seconded by Mr. Stack. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman, David Stack called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gloria Mack; David Gervais, David Stack, Brian Hora, and Bonnie Duresa

Not Present: Carrie Koster-Horan, Gail Drabant, Denise Collins and Randi Rewoldt

Staff: Maryann Wanaski, Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of March 2, 2005. It was noted that the report on North River Road was not included in the minutes. They are attached to these minutes. It was also noted that Ms. Duresa attended a "Look at Local History Month" meeting, held on the same evening. Revised minutes will reflect an excused absence. Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to amend the minutes as corrected. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

SURVEY

Mr. Stack made a phone call to Mary Stockwell. She was not home so he does not have a written report. He will be able to make a report once Ms. Stockwell gets back to him. Mary Stockwell is the owner of the house on Lily Lake Road.

ENDANGERED SITES

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS/EDUCATION

No report.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

Bonnie Duresa attended the "Local History Month" Conference at the Woodstock Opera House, on March 2nd. There were only eight people in attendance.

Everyone summarized what they were going to be doing and information will be put into an event calendar. The McHenry County Preservation Commission is planning the dedication of North River Road as Scenic Road #4 on Sunday, May 22nd. Festivities will start at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the Pringle School.

Ms. Mack asked Maryanne to send a memo to the Planning and Development Committee requesting the County Board pass a proclamation denoting May 2005 as "Look at Local History Month".

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that they were not awarded the 2005 CLG Grant to continue the Intensive Rural Survey. Ms. Wanaski said she spoke with Gail Drabant about the Commission doing one township a year as a special project with or without state funding. The western portion of the County, approximately 9 townships, still need to be surveyed.

When asked by Commission members the reason for denying the grant request, Ms. Wanaski said that conversations with IHPA staff indicated Springfield will only consider additional funding if the Commission hires a consultant to do the survey. IHAP staff feels that a professional would produce a better "work product" in a timelier manner.

Mr. Gervais stated it diminishes the entire project if the survey is not completed. He feels we need to finish this project, and having the same person survey the remaining townships is extremely advantageous for quality and consistency. After some discussion, the Commission decided to revisit this topic at a later date.

Ms. Wanaski spoke to Matthew Person and he volunteered to waive the fees to the copyright of the scenic road sign/logo. The Commission agreed once the filing is completed, it would be a nice idea to send him a plaque recognizing his generosity.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gervais stated due to the recent elections, the Commission should inform the newly elected officials what we have to offer and that overall, the Commission should start to promote itself. A newly created Council of County Governments is being formed. Mr. Gervais suggested the Commission look into having representation or at least volunteering to present a program about the Commission.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gervais and seconded by Mr. Stack. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
May 4, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Gail Drabant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Aimee Collins, Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Randi Rewoldt, Gloria Mack,
Bonnie Duresa

Not Present:

Brian Hora, David Stack, David Gervais, Carrie Koster-Horan

Staff Present: Maryann Wanaski, Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Drabant to approve the minutes of April 6, 2005. It was noted that in the report from staff, North River Road was mentioned. It should have been River Road. Ms. Collins requested the roster be updated. It has been updated but the old one was mistakenly attached.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Rewoldt to amend the minutes as corrected. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ENDANGERED SITES

No report

SURVEY

It was noted at the last meeting that we did not receive the grant. Ms. Drabant noted the Committee needs to decide if they want to continue with this project on their own.

She recommended the Committee get the last phase into binders and then in the fall go ahead and Survey one township because that is currently in the budget. The film and the processing is the major cost. There was a brief discussion of going digital versus non digital. It was decided to go digital because it gives the committee more options. It would cut down on man hours in terms of not having to scan every picture. It was decided Hebron would be the first township done.

Motion by Ms. Drabant seconded by Ms. Collins to digitally photograph the next township (Hebron) in the fall after the binders have been reproduced.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

No report. Ms. Mack did mention that Look at Local History Month is going well and the County is on board. Ms. Wanaski provided the resolution passed by the County Board and will attach it to the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS/EDUCATION

Ms. Collins stated the web site is going along well. She requested input from the Committee for the web site. Ms. Collins is looking for something in writing that would explain what the HPC does. It should be a small paragraph and Commissioners should note that the average audience is twelve-years old. She has the pictures and paragraphs and would like to launch the site in June. Ms. Wanaski stated she will find an information book for Ms. Collins. Ms. Wanaski also suggested Ms. Collins look at the City of Chicago's landmarks site. Ms. Collins asked about the logo. She is having trouble inserting it on a web page and enlarging it. Maryanne will talk to Chuck Marke for help with the logo. It was suggested to put examples of the logo in an e-mail so the Commission can give their feedback.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached.

Grace Moline called Ms. Mack and noted she had read about the River Road dedication at the Pringle School, but no one had contacted her to see that the school would be open. Ms. Mack stated after talking to Bonnie Duresa, she realized the River Road dedication site had been changed.

Bonnie Duresa passed out invitations for the dedication of River Road to the Commission. A copy is attached to the minutes. Ms. Duresa asked for funds for postage so the letters can be mailed out to the residents. Ms. Wanaski suggested distributing (attach to mailboxes of residents) as an alternative since the dedication is two weeks away and there is the issue of man hours necessary to do a mailing. After a brief discussion, Aimee Collins offered to deliver the invitations.

Ms. Drabant questioned having the ceremony and the refreshments at a different location. She asked who the invitations are being sent to. It was stated they will be sent to County Board Members, Commission members, HPC Commission members and Township officials. Carrie Koster-Horan will introduce the officials at the ceremony.

June 26 is the proposed date for the North River Road dedication and there will be more information coming on that.

REPORT FROM MCCD

The executive director has stepped down. He will be with the district until December. Ms. Drabant also stated she was contacted by their facilities manager to do a site inspection on the old Marengo steel plant on Prospect Avenue with a workers cottage that has been in disrepair and an abandoned framstead in Greenwood. There is also a shed an old warehouse and a house which may be the second house on the property. Ms. Drabant stated she can't recommend the house be maintained. She will have pictures at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski received an e-mail from the Landmark President Council. The tour of the Joliet Prison was already filled.

She stated she also received an e-mail from Lisa Haderlein with Land Concervancy and the Farmland Alliance Group. Ms. Haderlein would like to meet with the Commission to discuss preservation easements. It was suggested July would be a good time to come and talk with the Commission because June's agenda is quite full.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Duresa asked if the sign had been ordered for Plum Tree Road. The Commission discussed replacing the signs in January but not ordering until the ground is thawed. Ms. Wanaski asked where / to whom to send the replacement sign. Ms. Duresa said to send it to her and she make the delivery.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Mack. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**McHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Carrie Koster-Horan called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: David Gervais, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, David Stack, Dennis Collins, Brian Hora, Gloria Mack

Absent: Randi Rewoldt, Aimee Collins

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski, Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes with the following amendments:

- It was noted that the Commission would like the completed minutes stapled.
- Ms. Wanaski will put the time of the meeting on the agenda going forward.
- In the roll call portion of the minutes, Gail's name is misspelled.
- The work "present" will be added after Staff.
- Under Municipal Liaison, it should just read "no report".
- Under Scenic Streets and Roads the sentence, June 26th should start a new paragraph.
- Wording was changed in regards to the Old Marengo Steel Plant on Prospect Ave. It should read "with a worker's cottage that has been in disrepair and an abandoned farmstead in Greenwood."
- It was also noted that Ms. Dorothy Otis made the refreshment arrangements at Pringle School.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Koster-Horan submitted her comments in writing, please see attached. Ms. Koster Horan also commented on the dedication of River Road. She received many calls from people throughout the County. No one seemed to know who was doing what and Ms. Horan also was not aware of the plans. It was proposed to her, and she was now proposing to the Commission that one or two people chair a newly created "Project Coordinator" position responsible for taking a lead role coordinating Commission activities and programs. Duties would include working with the chairperson of various subcommittees to organize traffic control,

refreshments, brochures, and in general all arrangements for dedications and/or other Commission programs. Gloria Mack expressed interest and Brian Hora offered to co-chair. The Commission decided to add this as an agenda item.

Ms. Koster-Horan asked if we had a template of a thank you letter. She would like to send a thank you to the various people that helped out at the River Road dedication such as Alison Pringle Seaton, Dorothy Otis, and the McHenry County Historical Society. Ms. Wanaski stated she has some letter templates that can be used.

ENDANGERED SITES

No report.

SURVEY

No report.

Ms. Wanaski said Shirley Beene called to say she has the Village of Cary's approval to precede with landmarking the entrance gate to Trout Valley. The nomination for designating the entrance will be in the Commissions' hands very soon. Ms. Drabant told staff to remind Ms. Beene that a legal description is necessary.

Ms. Drabant stated that at the last meeting, she mentioned the Marengo steel worker's cottage, a shed, and a warehouse that the Conservation District had asked her to evaluate. She brought pictures; see attached. Ms. Drabant would like to send a letter thanking MCCD for letting the Commission document the properties.

The Greenwood farmstead has two homes of which the second [smaller] house has shingles and clapboarded siding. However, it was rehabbed and does not have the original woodwork. Most of the outbuildings are in disrepair and there is a lot of vandalism such as gang graffiti; the Conservation District wants to demolish the structures. Ms. Drabant will send a second set of photos to the Historical Society.

Ms. Wanaski mentioned she had a call from Diane Henson who was inquiring about historical data on a property in Richmond. Ms. Wanaski passed around pictures of the structures. According to Ms. Henson, there was an original schoolhouse on the property that burned and a new building was built which appears to be old also. There was a church that was made into a house. Ms. Drabant located the property that was part of the Richmond Township survey conducted last year.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing, they are attached. Ms. Mack has been asked to head up a committee to try to institute a commemorative road

naming program in the County. She has decided to go before the McHenry County Council of Mayors and present information. Dave Gervais stated he would go with her.

SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS

Bonnie Duresa submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. It was noted that Alison Pringle Seaton donated two signs for River Road in Seneca Township.

Lori Cole sent Gloria Mack labels for the North River Road dedication to be held on June 26th and a proposed invitation. The North River Road invitations to officials should go out as soon as possible. Ms. Wanaski said she would have the invitations mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS / EDUCATION

The Commission looked at their tentative website. It was suggested that at the Joint Council Meeting, if any historic group want to be linked to the Commission's page, requests should be submitted to the Commission in writing. Ms. Wanaski mentioned linking to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's webpage as well as to LPCI's site. It was noted that the address for the Commission will probably be under Planning and Development's website, but staff will check with the IT Department through Ms. Ehardt and see if the Commission can get its own address.

REPORT FROM MCCD

No Report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Maryanne Wanaski received a letter from Marengo Township Highway Commissioner, John Adamson; it is attached to the minutes. He said due to tight budgets, he cannot cover the cost of replacement signs if they are stolen or vandalized. He has purchased four signs for River Road in Marengo Township.

Nancy Fike sent out an email regarding Local History Month which is also attached to the minutes.

Ms. Wanaski stated she received a call from Chuck Pell, an architect who is helping to start a Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission. Maryanne sent him a packet of helpful information. He was interested to know if anyone from the Committee was going to go to the conference so he could meet them.

The Commission took a look at the logos that were created by Chuck Marke. A motion was made by Mr. Stack and seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the attached McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission logo. All members present voted aye. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Drabant announced to Commission members that the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission won the IAHPA Award. She stated the presentation is going to be Friday June 3. Mr. Stack said he would go and accept the award. Ms. Drabant, Ms. Collins, Ms. Mack and Ms. Duresa will attend. Ms. Collins asked about a press release. Ms. Mack will call Kristin Schmitt and give her the information. Ms. Wanaski said P&D Director, Sue Ehardt, would like the Commission to consider taking this to the County Board as something that should be recognized.

Gail Drabant stated as Commission secretary, she is supposed to audit and ensure that the Committee's records are in order. She has read previous minutes, starting with the first meeting in January of 1992 in order to correct errors regarding terms of appointment.

When the Commission roster was originally set, terms were intentionally staggered so that the Commission would always have a smooth transition welcoming new members. No more than two terms were scheduled to expire in any given year and if someone resigned earlier, then the newly appointed Commissioner would "fill-out" that term.

Ms. Drabant stated as the Committee's roster stands right now, four terms expire next year. Ms. Drabant has a spreadsheet that shows positions 1 through 9, who the original person was, when they took over the position and as they resigned, or their term ended, who was put in that position. Ms. Drabant said the next step was to make the corrections with the County Board secretary. However, rectifying the roster may require County Board action.

OLD BUSINESS

Bonnie Duresa inquired about the patent on the Scenic Road signs and also on the status of the replacement sign for Plum Tree Road. Ms. Wanaski stated there is no update because the person responsible for developing the scenic road logo has been on vacation. The replacement sign has been ordered.

At 8:36 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Stack. All members present voted aye; motion carried.

**McHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 6, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Carrie Koster-Horan called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carrie Koster-Horan, David Stack, Gail Drabant, Gloria Mack, David Gervais, Bonnie Duresa, Denise Collins, Brian Hora, Randi Rewoldt.

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gloria Mack, seconded by Brian Hora to approve minutes of the June 1st meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Koster-Horan submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. The ceremony for North River Road in Algonquin was held on June 26, 2005. The road signs had not been erected. Approximately 25 – 45 people participated in the dedication. Ms. Wanaski stated approximately 150 notices were mailed.

Ms. Koster-Horan proposed purchasing a spare sign so it could be available for road dedications if necessary, or to use as a model to show communities / townships.

Motion by Dave Gervais, seconded by Gloria Mack to purchase a spare sign for future dedications or presentations for \$50.00.

Discussion of sign number, type, number issue. The Commission decided on a high reflective signs with no number. All members present voted aye by roll call. Motion carried.

Lastly, the Chairwoman reported that she has become the fore runner for the one-room school house archeological research. Central School, located in Mount Prospect, Illinois has been purchased by the Mt. Prospect Historical Society and they are moving it on to their property next to the Historical Society's building. They are looking to raise money to move the building. Ms. Koster-Horan said they invited her to do a public presentation to facilitate public awareness and help raise money to restore the school and turn it into a living history museum. Ms. Koster-Horan stated she will be making the community-wide presentation sometime in September or October.

ENDANGERED SITES

No report

SURVEY

- A nomination packet was sent to Valerie Kwasigroch to nominate the McHenry County Outdoor Theater. Ms. Wanaski will forward that packet when she receives it.
- The Commission also received a nomination for the Stone Gate at the entrance to Trout Valley. In the application, Ms. Shirley Beene mentioned the stone wall which lies within the Cary/Algonquin Road right of way. The right-of-way belongs to the County Highway Department. Ms. Wanaski e-mailed, as well as called, the County Highway Department asking them how they would like the Commission to proceed. Ms. Wanaski stated she received a letter back from the County Highway Department saying that, "If land marking of the gate and the stonewall anyway restricts the ability of the Division to remove the stone wall at a later date, the Division, aka Department of Highways, would be opposed to the land marking. It would be the Division of Transportation's recommendation to remove the existing stone wall within the road right of way prior to land marking the stone gate."

The Commission's understanding of the statement is that if the Commission recommends landmarking the structures, it may ultimately force their removal. Ms. Wanaski suggested that the Survey Committee verify the location of both structures and clarify the intent of the nomination.

Dave Stack and Brian Hora will meet with Ms. Beene, survey the site, and report back to the Commission.

- Ms. Wanaski received a call from Donna Britton who stated that the Huntley Preservation Commission has an access program and were wondering if they could get the rural survey for Grafton on disk. Ms. Wanaski's response was that would be a Commission decision. The Commission stated they would not have a problem, but it would have to be packaged it so it would be just Grafton Township and not the whole County.

Motion by Gail Drabant, seconded by David Stack, to honor Huntley Historic Preservation Commission's request to get a subset of the Commissions' database for Grafton Township. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Stack suggested doing some kind of waiver acknowledging that the information given to Huntley's Commission would not be

released to any other groups or organizations without the McHenry County Commission's consent. Ms. Wanaski asked Mr. Gervais if he would write up a document for that purpose. Mr. Gervais agreed.

Motion by Carrie-Koster-Horan, seconded by Dave Stack to request the waiver. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

- Gail Drabant mentioned the limestone City Hall building in Union which is up for sale. Ms. Wanaski stated the Village President received a faxed letter back from the Commission. (See minutes.) Ms. Drabant stated they received a copy of the Commission's Intergovernmental Agreement but there was some confusion. The Village would like to discuss it further. Gloria Mack stated she would give them a call.
- Ms. Drabant stated the McConnell Barns are going to be on the barn tour this fall with the Barn Preservation Society. Ms. Drabant stated she was at their last meeting and spoke about the Commission's role in landmarking and surveying. She stated they are concerned about the round barn on River Road and they want to write a grant. Ms. Drabant also stated she volunteered to be the liaison for the Barn Preservation Society. The Commission decided to add this under Survey, titled Survey projects to be called McHenry County Barn Preservation Association.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Mr. Gervais received call from Marengo's Alderman, Lisa Trainor. She is trying to get an historic district in Marengo as an overlay district. A discussion was had and Ms. Wanaski stated that Ms. Trainor should follow the preservation ordinance that the City adopted since it sets guidelines for historic districts. Ms. Wanaski asked Mr. Gervais to look into the legality of a "second" preservation ordinance.

Motion by Gail Drabant, seconded by Gloria Mack that David Gervais and Denise Collins represent the Commission at McCog when appropriate. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JOINT COUNCIL

Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. Ms. Mack suggested opening the Civil War Exhibit at 7:00 and closing it at 7:45 so there would not be confusion of people going to the exhibit while the program is running. The meeting usually starts at 7:30. This is being held at the Historical Society on September 21st. She will check with Grace Moline.

SCENIC ROADS

Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. The Commission agreed it would be a good idea to have a check list for Scenic Road designation ceremonies. (See the Chairman's report.)

Bonnie Duresa submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. A discussion was held on Pioneer Road in Richmond. Gail Drabant would like to look at that as a candidate in our area.

COMMUNICATIONS / EDUCATION

Denise Collins submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. Ms. Collins explained her meeting with the County's IT Department. Basically, the Commission can have an independent website for approximately \$160 a year. This would give the Commission their own web address. Ms. Collins said she would like to have the independent address knowing that the site will always be linked. The web site address would be mchhpc.org, an easy name versus www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/planninganddevelopment etc.

Motion by David Gervais, seconded by Randi Rewoldt to spend up to \$200 annually to designate an address for the Historic Preservation web site. All members present voted aye by roll. Motion carried.

Ms. Wanaski acknowledged Denise Collin's extraordinary amount of work that she has put into the web site. Ms. Wanaski said there will be five e-mail addresses and suggested having someone from the Commission respond to the e-mails so they can be tracked.

The summer issue of the Gazette will focus on car travel. Ms. Collins said she was at a way side shelter in Alden. The owner said it was previously a gas station. This too will be covered in the Gazette.

REPORT FROM MCCD

No report.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski reported that the copyright is in the works. She will talk to Matt Perrone regarding the copyright notice on signs.

Ms. Wanaski noted, in regards to the last scenic road designation, Amy hand delivered fliers to residents. The Assistant Postmaster in Marengo informed the Department that mailboxes cannot be touched. For the Algonquin designation, 150 invitations and notices were sent out. Ms. Wanaski stated, internally this is a

very big job and cannot always get done in a timely manner. Gloria Mack suggested the city or jurisdiction should send out the notices and/or invitations.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Duresa said the Northwest Herald is putting together an historical book. She wanted to know if the Commission would want to offer assistance. It was decided if Ms. Duresa wanted to help that would be fine, but not as a Commissioner, but rather as a private citizen.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Wanaski asked the Commission their opinion of the example of the Commission's letterhead she sent out. The Commission was in agreement that it was very good. It will become the official letterhead.

Motion by David Stack, seconded by Gloria Mack to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**McHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Carrie Koster-Horan called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carrie Koster-Horan, David Stack, Gail Drabant, Gloria Mack, David Gervais, Bonnie Duresa, Denise Collins, Aimee Collins, Randi Rewoldt.

Staff Present: Maryanne Wanaski, Audrey Martin

Not Present: Brian Hora

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted Aimee Collin's name was missing from the roll call. It was also noted Denise Collins did not cover the Alden Gas Station. Bonnie Duresa noted under New Business, the Northwest Herald is putting together a historic house book.

Motion by David Gervais seconded by David Stack to approve minutes as amended of the July 6th meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Carrie Koster-Horan started out by welcoming Lisa Haderlein of the Farm Alliance Group.

Ms. Koster-Horan submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. Shirley Bean, who submitted The Trout Valley entrance nomination for landmarking, contacted the Midwest Archaeological Research Services regarding an icehouse located in Trout Valley. There was a brief discussion regarding the icehouse and exactly what it's constructed of. David Gervais will contact Shirley regarding the icehouse.

Ms. Koster-Horan also mentioned the Stone School. Maryanne Wanaski stated it was inspected and according to the inspection report, it looks as if no repairs have been made or are intended to be made. Mr. Stack spoke to the homeowner and advised her to get a permit if they are going to tear it down. Mr. Stack had photographs and passed them around to the Commission. He said the owner's intention is to tear it down because it poses a safety hazard. Ms. Wanaski stated she would e-mail Ms. Peterson, a concerned citizen who brought this matter to the Commission's attention, and keep her apprised of the situation.

Ms. Koster-Horan introduced Lisa Haderlein with the Farmland Alliance. Ms. Haderlein serves as the Executive Director of the Land Conservancy of McHenry

County. Ms. Haderlein passed out the Land Conservancy brochure to the Commission. She stated the organization works with private landowners throughout McHenry County who want to preserve their land. She stated in the last six months, they have found people who are interested in saving historic structures on their property and want to do something to permanently protect these structures. She wanted to understand what a landowner's options are to permanently protect those structures if they are of an historic nature.

Ms. Wanaski explained the function of the Historic Preservation Commission and the differences between the Commission and the Historical Society. Ms. Haderlien thanked the Commission for their time and stated she will direct anyone interested in historic preservation to the Commission.

SURVEY

David Stack submitted his comments in writing and they are attached. Mr. Stack read through his comments. He spoke about his visit to the Stone School on Flat Iron and Pagles Rd. He took pictures and passed them around to the Commission. Mr. Stack also had stated he had gone to visit the site of the Trout Valley entrance gate. Ms. Wanaski mentioned she would like to look at the corporate lines with the mapping department and check if the entire gate is located within the Village of Cary. Dave Stack recommends the entrance be landmarked. Mr. Gervais asked about the time frame. It was stated once the Commission gets the application, they have 30 days to make a recommendation and vote whether to forward for a public hearing. There was a brief discussion of whether Shirley Bean received any support from Trout Valley Homeowners' Association. Mr. Gervais will contact Ms. Bean and clarify this matter.

Maryanne Wanaski mentioned the McHenry Outdoor Theater. She received a nomination form which is missing a survey. The property is owned by a development company. Ms. Wanaski also received an e-mail from Mary Lou Endres who owns Alden Mill. Ms. Endres has been corresponding with Amy Easton (IHSA) about possibly nominating the mill for the National Register of Historic Homes. In the meantime, Ms. Wanaski helped with the County's nomination forms.

ENDANGERED SITES

No report.

SCENIC ROADS

Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. The Commission decided to put the copyright notice on the front in the lower left hand corner. Ms. Wanaski will notify the sign company with this change.

COMMUNICATIONS

Denise Collins submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. The website is currently off line but should be up and running before the end of the month. There are usability issues with the PDF file forms. Denise will look into making them more user friendly.

EDUCATION

The back page of the Gazette features a come see us on the web notation. Denise asked the Commission for topic ideas for the next issue which will be coming out the beginning of October or November. Gloria Mack mentioned having something to do with the cold and flu season. Ms. Collins said she will look into health and medicine as a topic.

SCENIC ROADS

No Report.

Carrie Koster-Horan mentioned her company did a project on Route 20 looking for civil war graves. Nothing was found. They had done a survey but she feels there may be a problem with the survey. She stated she will give Aimee Collins (MCCD liaison) the report to review.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Ms. Wanaski stated Gail Drabant came into Planning and Development last week to copy a survey for the Huntley Preservation Group. The disk has been sent. Dave Gervais stated he will fax the disclaimer that needs to be signed by Huntley's Commission.

A questionnaire from the Landmark Preservation Council was received asking for survey information. The Chairman will complete and forward it on.

Denise Collins asked if the Commission is going to participate in the statewide convention being held in two years. She suggested the Commission participate. Dave Gervais suggested it be put as an agenda item under New Business.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Stack, seconded by Gloria Mack. All members present voted aye; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koster-Horan called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carrie Koster-Horan, Chairman, Bonnie Duresa, Denise Collins and Aimee Collins, Gloria Mack, Randi Rewoldt, and David Stack

Absent: Brian Hora, Gail Drabant, David Gervais

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted Carrie's e-mail address is bonedigger1226t6b.net, not .com. Ms. Dursea commented it was confusing that Gloria's report was listed under Scenic roads and it should be under Municipal Liaison.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Rewoldt to accept the minutes of August 3, 2005 as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Koster Horan stated she had no report; however, she did bring in an article from the Northwest Herald on the River Road dedication.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. Ms. Mack read through her comments and there were no questions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Collins submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. She was able to access the hit list for the Historic Preservation's web site and it was noted August received 5,125 and September already had 550.

Ms. Collins then presented a PowerPoint slide show on a proposed program that recognizes oak trees that are over 200 years old. The tentative name for the program is the Centurion Oak Program. Ms. Koster-Horan asked if this could be geared towards other trees. Ms. Wanaski suggested putting a blurb in the Gazette. There was a discussion on whether this would actually save any trees that were in the program, but this is probably not the case. Ms. Collins asked the Commission to consider if they want to put the program together. She also said the next issue of the Gazette will have a feature on canning.

SURVEY

Mr. Stack submitted his comments in writing and they are attached. Mr. Stack mentioned he does not have a survey yet for the entrance gate to Trout Valley but it has been ordered. What has been ordered as far as the survey goes, are the stone structures that support the gate, and the swing into the Village, plus the stone pillars on either side of the main stone pillars with the wrought iron between them. They were close with the road right of way so they are only coming out 2 feet in front, otherwise the gated area will encroach on the right of way.

The subject of Mr. Stack's Survey Report was the McHenry Outdoor Theater. Mr. Stack does not recommend the theater be an historic landmark. Ms. Koster-Horan spoke with Gail Drabant and Gail did not think the theater was significant either. Both Mr. Stack and Gail Drabant felt that the structure in and of itself was not significant (vernacular concrete etc.); however the "outdoor" aspect of the theater offers a nostalgic remembrance of a post era. According to the owner, Mr. Jeff Rhyan, plans for the theater are to operate it several more years and then sell the property. Ms. Collins felt if the owner is determined to sell after a few years, landmark designation may be not worth pursuing. Ms. Wanaski stated she explained this to the nominator. She will also send a letter to let them know what the Commission decides. Mr. Stack stated his concern that the property value will outweigh anyone wanting to continue operating the theater. Profits are down and the maintenance would be high. It may be a piece of Americana, but not worthy of an historic landmark.

Motion by Mr, Stack seconded by Randi Rewoldt to recommend the McHenry Outdoor Theater for landmarking. All members present voting nay. Motion failed. Motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stack to deny recommending landmark status to the McHenry Outdoor Theater. All members present voting aye excluding Bonnie Duresea who abstained. Motion carried. Ms. Collins asked for some history on the theater from Mr. Stack which she will use for an article in the Gazette.

SCENIC ROADS

No report.

Ms. Wanaski Maryanne said the extra scenic roads sign had been delivered and she gave it to Ms. Duresa for use for presentations.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

No Report.

MCCD

Aimee Collins stated the Powers House volunteers are getting an award which will be presented at the Powers Walker House.

STAFF

Ms. Wanaski mentioned an article in a back issue of the Metro section of the Chicago Tribune regarding a 200-year old burr oak. A pastor wants to add more parking to his church which means the tree would have to go. Ms. Wanaski thought this would be of interest to the Committee since the City Manager called about this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the State Preservation Conference. The conference runs every two years so the next one will be in 2007.

Ms. Wanaski asked if everyone was getting e-mails sent by the department.

Motion to adjourn by Gloria Mack, seconded by Bonnie Duresa. All members present voted aye; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Gail Drabant called the meeting to order at 7: 07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dave Gervais, Bonnie Duresa, Denise Collins, Gloria Mack and Gail Drabant

Absent: Carrie Koster-Horan, Brian Hora, Aimee Collins, Randi Rewoldt and David Stack

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guest: Jeff Young, McHenry County Division of Transportation (McDOT)

Motion by Mr.Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack, to move "New Business" to the beginning of the agenda to allow Mr. Jeffrey Young, from McDOT to speak to the Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Young, who oversees planning and new design, addressed the structural condition of the Allendale Truss Bridge, a local McHenry County landmark. [Designated by the County Board in May 2000, the bridge is located in Greenwood Township.] The Highway Department has hired the consulting firm, Ozyrut and Stone, and the engineering firm, Ciorba, Inc. to begin preliminary feasibility studies on the bridge. To date, no decision has been made on whether to rehab or to completely reconstruct the bridge. However, both courses of action would require that the structure be brought up to today's standards. Right now McDOT was seeking the Commission's input on how to proceed (regarding the possibility of moving the structure/using parts of the structure, etc.) as well as how best to raise the necessary financing.

Ms. Drabant asked about using the trusses as side rails. Mr. Young said the existing rails would not nor could not afford any structural integrity. If added to a new structure, the old truss railing could only act as a decorative element. Mr. Gervais stated he felt it would be better to move the bridge. Discussion followed about donating and rebuilding the bridge on MCCD property for use as a foot bridge. The main focus of the discussion was that if the bridge were to be relocated, all costs of preservation would have to include moving and set-up to a new location.

Ms. Wanaski inquired as to how long it would take to complete the engineering studies. Mr. Young answered it could take about a year. He further stated the County had not met with IDOT yet; this project is in its very early stage. His hope was to gather information from the Commission to pass on to IDOT.

Ms. Wanaski requested that the Commission receive copies of all engineering reports. She also stated that before any work could begin a "Certificate of Appropriateness" would be required from the Commission.

Mr. Young thanked the Commission for their time and input. He will keep them abreast of the County's plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Gervais to accept the minutes of September 7, 2005 as amended. (Ms. Mack mentioned her name was misspelled in the minutes on the last page.) All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

SURVEY

No Report. Ms. Wanaski asked Mr. Gervais if Scot Nolan had received the survey for the entrance gates to Trout Valley. Mr. Gervais stated Mr. Nolan had told him the survey was ordered but to date had not been completed. Mr. Gervais said he would give Shirley Bean, the nominator, a call and let her know the status of the nomination.

Ms. Drabant informed the Commission the McHenry County Barn Association was holding a barn tour with MCC on Saturday, October 8th. The tour will feature barns in the northeast corner of the County. Some of the barns that will be featured on the tour are the Powers-Walker Barn in Glacial Park, the Richardson Barn in Spring Grove, and the McConnel Barns in Richmond at the North Branch Preserve. Ms. Drabant said she is an advisor to the Barn Association and is receiving their minutes.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. In response to the poor attendance at the Joint Council Meeting, it was suggested the

meeting be held in a more centrally located area of the County. Regarding McCog (McHenry County Council of Governments), Ms. Wanaski will e-mail the information to Ms. Mack and Mr. Gervais.

Mr. Gervais reported he will be going to the Illinois Association of Museums meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Collins submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. She went over the recent number of "hits" on the Commission's website. She said the biggest day is Monday, however, the website had not been easy to find. Within the next two months that should be rectified because the site is now registered with various search companies. The Gazette will also be posted on the website so it can be downloaded as a .PDF file, but new software needs to be purchased so this can be accomplished.

Motion by Gloria Mack, seconded by David Gervais to allocate up to \$200 to purchase PDF converter license software. Roll call Bonnie Duresa: Aye, Gloria Mack: Aye, David Gervais: Aye, Dennis Collins: Aye, Gail Drabant: Aye. Motion approved.

Ms. Collins mentioned she was going to the Morton Arboretum Oak Conference and asked the Commission if some of her expenses could be covered. Ms. Collin's attendance would be beneficial to the Witness Tree Program.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve up to \$200 for the Morton Arboretum Oak Conference. Roll call: Bonnie Duresa: Aye, Gloria Mack: Aye, David Gervais: Aye, Dennis Collins: Aye, Gail Drabant: Aye. Motion approved.

SCENIC ROADS

No Report. Ms. Duresa asked about the copyright for the scenic road signs and Ms. Wanaski stated they have been completed. The last signs ordered have the copyright notation. Ms. Duresa then asked about patches for existing road signs. There would be a cost involved. Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Duresa to allocate up to \$100 to get the patches for existing road signs. Roll call: Bonnie Duresa: Aye, Gloria Mack: Aye, David Gervais: Aye, Dennis Collins: Aye, Gail Drabant: Aye. Motion approved.

Ms. Drabant said she spoke to a few people concerning Pioneer Road and stated they will be submitting an application. She also asked Ms. Wanaski if the

Commission had received the actual Scenic Road Award from the State. Ms. Wanaski said she will email our local government coordinator, Catherine O'Connor and inquire again as to when it will be sent.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

No report.

MCCD

No report.

STAFF

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that there were conferences coming up for Historic Preservation Knowledge Day. If anyone planned on attending, please let Cindy Sassaman know so that reservations could be made. Ms. Wanaski also handed out copies of Brain Hora's letter of resignation. Commissioners requested the minutes reflect their gratitude to Mr. Hora for his insights while on the Commission. All members understand but regret his resignation.

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that the tree in southern Illinois that was threatened to be cut down to make room for a parking lot has in fact been cut down. She passed around a copy of the newspaper article which is attached to the minutes.

Ms. Wanaski handed the Commission the dates for future Commission meetings. There were two changes; January 11th instead of the 4th and July 12th instead of the 5th. Motion by David Gervais, seconded by Collins to approve the Commission's future meeting dates for 2006.

Ms. Wanaski then handed out to the Commission a tentative work program for Commission activities for the coming year. Mr. Gervais requested the handout be included with each monthly packet.

Ms. Wanaski said the Local Historic Preservation Grant application was received and is due November 12, 2005. Ms. Wanaski suggested the Commission apply. The grant, a 70% - 30% split between the IHPA and the County, would be used to continue the township rural surveys. The Commission decided to do one township a year. Digital photographs are now allowed. Ms. Wanaski suggested the Commission buy a good quality digital camera. Motion by Collins, seconded by Gloria Mack, to allocate up to \$500 to purchase a digital camera for Commission work. Additional CDs will also be purchased. Roll call: Bonnie

Duresa: Aye, Gloria Mack: Aye, David Gervais: Aye, Collins: Aye, Gail Drabant: Aye. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS Continued

Ms. Collins told the Commission that she and her husband went looking for civil war graves in the southwest corner of the County and they may have discovered where the supposed graves may be. In the summers of 1938 and 1939, Russel Gardin interviewed farmers in Union and Marengo. Ms. Collins has copies of those comments. She passed them out to the Commission and they are attached to the minutes. She also had a suggestion from Nancy Fike on landmarking Indian traces. There is one in Marengo part of which runs through private property and through McHenry County Conservation District property. Ms. Collins will continue to work on this matter.

Collins asked about silos on Thayer and Miller Roads. She questioned whether the Commission had ever looked at silos. It was mentioned that they had been in the barn calendar and had been photographed for the Commission by Jim Keefe. In addition silos have been photographed and documented as part of the intensive rural survey. Mention was also made of a wood-staved silo on Route 31 south of Richmond just north of West Solon Road.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gervais suggested the Commission begin a review of their ordinance next January and continue throughout the year covering a topic each month.

Motion by Gloria Mack, seconded by Dave Gervais to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. David Stack called the meeting to order at 7: 17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gail Drabant, Denise Collins, Gloria Mack, David Stack, Randi Rewoldt
Aimee Collins

Absent: Carrie-Koster Horan, David Gervais and Bonnie Duresa

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Ms. Collins attended the Morton Arboretum Ancient Oaks Project.
2. Correct the spelling Denise Collin's name.
Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Mack to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2005 meeting as amended. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

SURVEY

No report. It was mentioned the application for Trout Valley has been completed. Ms. Wanaski will contact Shirley Bean and inform her we have the survey. Mr. Stack will send Mr. Nolan a letter thanking him for his time and effort. Mr. Stack will prepare a letter of recommendation for the Survey Committee before the next meeting.

Ms. Drabant said she received the minutes form the Barn Preservation Association's last meeting. The Association is going to do a follow up newsletter on all the barns that were on the tour including the Power Walker and McConnell Barns. The association is trying to register all of the barns and asked the Commission to notify the association of any new barns.

The Commission is applying for another grant for the Rural Intensive Survey. The packet will be mailed the first week of November via a return receipt request.

ENDANGERED SITES

No Report.

MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Ms. Gloria Mack submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. She met with Nancy Fike regarding the low attendance at the Joint Council. Ms. Fike said she did not like having the meeting always in the same location, but it's hard to find different locations. Having the Joint Council meeting in a central location allows more people to attend. Ms. Drabant said the next barn tour which will be held next year is going to be in the southeastern portion of the County because of the greater number of people.

Ms. Mack also stated that Linda Miller Williams, a third generation resident of Pioneer Road, is working on the scenic road application. Ms. Wanaski suggested contacting IDOT.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Collins submitted her comments in writing and they are attached. She mentioned she had copies of the Gazette at the Trail of History and as a result hits for the web site went up significantly for October. Ms. Collins sent a letter to John Kramer thanking him for the table space. Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission the PDF converter has been ordered as well as the new camera.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Ms. Collins attended the Centurion Oak Project at the Morton Arboretum where she made some contacts and will pass them on to staff. Ed Collins thinks he may have found Civil War burials.

Mr. Collins found an obvious mound in Marengo. There are huge trees growing out of it. Ms. Collins would like to look into recognizing some of the traces in the County as her next special project.

SCENIC ROADS

No. Report.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

No report. Ms. Rewoldt said she called and e-mailed Alan Stebbins regarding the State Preservation Conference. An e-mail was sent to the Mayor of Woodstock about hosting the conference. The Mayor said he had some concerns regarding housing. He was curious as to how the state selects sites to hold the conference. Mr. Stebbin's group would like to meet with the Commission. He is willing to make all the contacts. Ms. Wanaski said the EDC (Economic Development Corporation) promotes tourism. Ms. Mack suggested having the EDC also meet with the Commission when Mr. Stebbin's group does.

MCCD

No report.

STAFF

Ms. Wanaski mentioned her telephone conversation with Ms. Valerie Dodd from Kendall County. Ms. Dodd is very interested in meeting with the Commission and staff to help form a preservation Commission and to promote the adoption of an ordinance in Kendall County.

NEW BUSINESS

The Christmas meeting was discussed. It was decided the meeting would be held at Pirros Restaurant in Woodstock. The date for the meeting is December 7th at 7:00. Spouses, the Scenic Road Committee as well as past Commissioners will be invited.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Stack to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

**MCHENRY COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

ROLL CALL

Present: Gail Drabant, Denise Collins, Aimee Collins, Dave Gervais and Gloria Mack

Absent: Carrie Koster-Horan, Bonnie Duresa, Randi Rewoldt and David Stack.

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Audrey Martin

Guests: Ed Collins, Ward Brown, Marty and Ken Swanson, Sue Ehardt and Marc McLaughlin.

Because there was no quorum, the meeting has been deferred until January.