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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 PESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES (Revised)  
JANUARY 7, 2004**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, David Gervais, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa and David Stack

**Absent:** Denise Collins, Carrie Koster-Horan, Kevin Hough and Mary Keith

**Staff:** Jim Hogue

**Guests:** None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gail Drabant, seconded by Dave Gervais to approve the minutes of December 3, 2003 as amended.

The December minutes mistakenly stated that the Survey Committee's *Initial Report* regarding the property located at 1 Braeburn Road, Algonquin, IL was attached. Please refer to the January attachments for a copy of the report.

Commission consideration regarding the above mentioned property was postponed until the January meeting.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

- Ms. Mack informed the Commission that the next planning meeting regarding "Local History Week" will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Col. Palmer House in Crystal Lake. She will keep Commission members updated.
- Ms. Mack reminded Subcommittee Chairman that their year end reports are due by month's end. The Commission's Annual Report is due in Springfield by the end of February. Bonnie Duresa questioned the length of these reports and was told that a paragraph or two summarizing the year's activities would be sufficient.
- Committee assignments will remain the same. Ms. Mack also wants to set aside some time during each meeting during the coming year in order to review and discuss the *Preservation Ordinance and Plan*.
- See attached report for details.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. SURVEY:** David Stack, Chair; Carrie Koster-Horan, Gail Drabant

- Subcommittee Chairman David Stack read the Survey Committee's *Initial Report* regarding the structure that once was home to the Czech Slavonic Benevolent Society. The subject property is located at 1 Braeburn Road, Algonquin, IL.
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- Discussion ensued. Commission members questioned why the rating sheet scored “significant” whereas the initial report stated that there were major alterations done to the structure thus rendering it inappropriate for landmark consideration.

The Survey Committee explained that the rating sheet was a non-binding working tool. Because of the weight given in certain instances, the final outcome could be misleading. The report, on the other hand, is a comprehensive review that weighs all factors including major alterations done to the structure as well as its importance to the history of the area.

Mr. Stack stated that letters were sent to the owners. (Note: Because two different names appeared on the tax roll, Mr. Stack contacted both parties.) To date, neither of the parties responded to that correspondence.)

Staff suggested that perhaps the history of the property/structure could best be “preserved” through photographs, video, etc. without compromising or forcing the Commission to lower its adopted Department of the Interior’s national standards.

Because some Commission members held that the history surrounding the structure was actually more important than the structure itself the Chairman entertained a motion.

David Gervais made said motion, seconded by, David Stack that the application form nominating the Czech Slavonic Benevolent Society structure located at 1 Braeburn Road in Algonquin, as a local McHenry County Landmark be approved and that a public hearing also be scheduled on this matter.

Roll call:                    David Gervais – aye  
                                     Bonnie Duresa – aye  
                                     Gail Drabant – nay  
                                     David Stack – nay  
                                     Gloria Mack – nay

Motion failed.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

1. **Endangered Sites:** Carrie Koster-Horan  
No report
2. **Rural Intensive Survey:**  
See attached report.

- Ms. Drabant stated each primary library, in the surveyed townships, will be provided with a set of corresponding binders. (The Nippersink

Library will get copies of Richmond and Burton Townships, the Woodstock Library will receive copies of Greenwood and Dorr Townships and the Marengo Library will be presented with copies of Coral Township,) The research library, part of the County's Historical museum in Union, will be supplied with a complete set of Phase II binders.

**B. AWARDS:** Gail Drabant, Chair; Gloria Mack and Bonnie Duresa

- See attached report.
- Ms. Drabant stated that she was resigning as the Awards Subcommittee Chairman. Ms. Mack asked Commission members to thinking about the future of the program and to discuss this item at the next meeting.

**C. MUNICIPAL LIASON:** David Gervais, Chair; Gloria Mack

- Gloria Mack reported that the Joint Council meeting will be held on the March 24, 2004. It will be in Algonquin and the program will be the "Hill Climb". An original "Hill Climber" racer is being sought for the event. In September, the program will be held at Colonel Palmer House. Ms. Mack thought a good topic for this meeting would be the Catholic school that was once located in the house.

**D. EDUCATION / SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Denise Collins, Chair

**1. Website**

- No report.
- Ms. Collins left a message that she is still working on the web page and children's coloring book.

**2. Landmark Photo Display**

- See attached report.
- There was discussion regarding the date of the ceremony for the dedication of Landmark Photo Display at the County Administration Building. It was noted by Gloria Mack that the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May (May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) would be potentially good dates. A letter will be sent to the owners of the County's eighteen landmarks as well as County Board members inviting all to participate in the dedication of the photos. Staff will coordinate the availability of the Administration Building.

**F. SCENIC STREET/ROADS:** Bonnie Duresa, Chair

- See attached report.
- Bonnie Duresa gave a history of Barrington Hills to update the Commission. Ms. Duresa and Mr. Gervais appeared before the Village Council on November 24<sup>th</sup> to speak about an intergovernmental agreement regarding historic structures and the positive externalities of preservation. Ms. Duresa and Mr. Gervais reported that the Village was very positive and that a copy of the County's agreement will be forwarded

to the Village's attorney.

- Ms. Duresa asked why HPC was not listed in the County Yearbook and indicated this should be done to avoid confusion between the HPC and Historical Society. Ms. Duresa also suggested the Commission look into a public relations/exposure type program so that the public is more aware of the Commission and their work. Calendars, note cards were discussed as possible promotional tools. All agreed this was a good suggestion. This item will be revisited.
- Discussion was held regarding the request for \$250.00 from the HPC budget to purchase brochure holders for township offices or to establish a promotional program to create and promote awareness for the Scenic Road Program. No action was taken.

**VII. REPORT FROM STAFF**

- None
- The Commission would like an attendance roster for the year included with the January minutes.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Gail Drabant requested Commissioners review names, etc. on their Commission business cards for any corrections, updates, changes, etc. Ms. Drabant will be printing new cards next month.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**X. ADJOURN**

- A motion was made by Gail Drabant, seconded by Dave Gervais to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 7, 2004**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, David Gervais, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, David Stack

**Absent:** Denise Collins, Carrie Koster-Horan, Kevin Hough, Mary Keith

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski

**Guests:** None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by David Stack, seconded by Bonnie Duresa to table approval of the January minutes due to the number of corrections and the organization of the packet. All voted aye; motion carried.

Staff suggested that, in the future, minutes be sent as a draft for Commission review and then finalized after corrections have been done. Ms. Drabant would like to see minutes mailed the week following scheduled meetings and then later in the month another mailing with the reminder memo and agenda. Staff acknowledged the errors and omissions and will try to accommodate. In the meantime, please refer to the attached "revised" draft of the January minutes. Additions and corrections are noted in red.

**IV. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

- Ms. Mack decided to review the attendance spreadsheet with Commission members first. Corrections were made and the roster is ready to include in the Annual Report for Springfield.
- Ms. Mack asked that staff make copies and mail the Joint Council flyer sometime between February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Ms. Mack also requested that the Administration Office advertise the two vacancies and include a Planning Department contact.
- Regarding Kevin Hough's attendance, a motion was made to recommend that the P&D Committee remove Mr. Hough from the active roster because of multiple unexcused absences. Ms. Drabant made said motion; seconded by David Gervais.

Roll call vote:	Bonnie Duresa	aye
	Gail Drabant	aye
	David Stack	aye
	David Gervais	nay
	Gloria Mack	aye

Motion carried.

Ms. Drabant made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duresa to remove Ms. Carol Lockwood from the "advisory" list.

Roll call vote:	Bonnie Duresa	aye
	Gail Drabant	aye
	David Stack	aye
	David Gervais	nay
	Gloria Mack	aye

Motion carried.

Staff will update the Commission's roster.

- Ms. Mack asked staff to help draft a proclamation to forward to the County Board and the other village boards designating the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> as "Local History Week". Staff will place the proclamation on P&D's next committee meeting for their consideration.
- Ms. Mack also reminded members, once again, to turn in their annual reports.
- See attached report for further details.

## V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. SURVEY: David Stack, Chair; Carrie Koster-Horan, Gail Drabant

- Mr. Stack submitted his annual report.
- Ms. Drabant brought to everyone's attention that the Commission's *Rules and Procedures* contain the verbiage about the initial report and ensuing Commission discussion being the determining factor whether or not a nomination moves forward to a public hearing. Please refer to page 6, Section 5C.
- Ms. Drabant also made copies of the photos taken by the Survey Committee of the Algonquin Township structures (Bohemian Lodge, Braeburn Road barn, St. John Church).

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

1. **Endangered Sites:** Carrie Koster-Horan  
No report.
2. **Rural Intensive Survey:**  
See attached report.
  - Ms. Drabant asked if the County had been completely reimbursed for the grant. Staff will check with the office manager and report back to the Commission.

### B. AWARDS: Gail Drabant, Chair; Gloria Mack and Bonnie Duresa

- See attached report.

### C. MUNICIPAL LIASON: David Gervais, Chair; Gloria Mack

- No report.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

1. **Joint Council**  
See informational flyer attached to Ms. Mack's report.

### D. EDUCATION / SPECIAL PROJECTS: Denise Collins, Chair

#### 1. Website

- No report.

## **2. Landmark Photo Display**

- Staff will attempt to get closure regarding dates for the dedication. Staff will also try to get that closure in writing.

## **F. SCENIC STREET/ROADS: Bonnie Duresa, Chair**

- Ms. Duresa submitted her year-end report.
- Ms. Duresa informed the Commission that she was preparing programs for two libraries during Local History Week. Mr. Gervais volunteered to do a presentation on the Main Street Prairie located in Cary.
- Ms. Duresa requested brochure holders and copies of the Commission's general handout and Scenic Road Program.

## **VII. REPORT FROM STAFF**

- Staff addressed the issue regarding the request made last month for promotional needs. Ms. Wanaski quoted the section of the *Rules and Procedures* that only allows for money to be come directly from the Commission as a whole as apposed to being appropriated through individual subcommittees.
- Staff will attempt to procure reimbursement through the County's Administration Office for the cost of the Landmark Photo Display.
- Ms. Wanaski stated that she is also waiting for the IT Department to install "Publisher" on her computer. This should be done shortly.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Drabant requested that staff provide each member with a copy of the Commission's *Ordinance and Preservation Plan*. The Commission discussed the need to "re-invent" their get-acquainted packet not only for new Commission members but also for handouts for interested property owners. Staff will include the ordinance and plan in the mailing for absent members.
- Staff noted that the *Ordinance/Plan/Rules and Procedures* that were handed out should be used as a working tool and that Commissioners should make notes, pen questions so that at some time in the future, during a short agenda meeting, the Chairman can discuss any items or issues in question.

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Duresa asked if there was any follow-up that could be done with the Village of Barrington Hills. Staff was requested to send a general inquiry-type note asking if there were any questions of other assistance the Commission could offer. Note, the letter should be sent to the Village Board via the Village President.

## **X. ADJOURN**

- A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by David Stack to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All voted aye; motion passed.



**McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes  
March 4, 2004**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, Chairman; David Gervais, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Denise Collins and Dave Stack

**Absent:** Carrie Koster-Horan, Mary Keith

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**Guests:** None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Denise Collins to approve the minutes of January 7, 2004 with two amendments. The first is to remove the wording from the second page, second paragraph, last sentence "For the record, it was noted that the only remaining part of the original structure was the cornice. Major facade renovations include window, door, porch, etc. replacement/alteration." and under Education/Special Projects the phrase "coloring book" should be changed to "newsletter". Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Mack, Mr. Gervais, Ms. Duresa, and Ms. Collins Nay: Ms. Drabant. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Gervais, seconded by, Denise Collins to approve the minutes of February 7, 2004. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Mack, Mr. Gervais, Ms. Duresa, Ms. Collins and Ms. Drabant. Motion carried. Ms. Duresa was concerned over the attendance spreadsheet and if corrections were made. Ms. Wanaski stated that the sheet was updated, but not included in the packets and already made a part of the annual report.

Ms. Mack complimented Maryanne on the minutes that she rewrote for January and February. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the contents of the Commission's minutes. Staff requested direction from the Commission as to the detail required for future minutes. The Commission agreed to accept minutes that summarize the meeting without overly detailing each item. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Duresa "... that the format presented in February, a 3 page, readable format with the content presented as discussion in a summary not overly detailed." Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Mack, Mr. Gervais, Ms. Duresa, Ms. Collins and Ms. Drabant. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

See attached report in addition to comments below.

Ms. Mack noted that the Local History group was meeting and working on Local History Week's activities, fliers and brochures. She mentioned that next year the group would like to expand local history week to a month long

celebration.

On Friday, May 7, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Gail Drabant will be conducting Richmond's Historic Homes walking tour. Irene Borre, from the Village's Architectural Committee is the contact person for this event.

Motion by Dave Gervais, seconded by Gail Drabant to renew the IAHP membership for \$80. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

In the IAHP packet was a brochure asking for donations to purchase the Mies Vander Rohe designed Farnsworth House. Denise Collins made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Duresa to donate \$50 to the Farnsworth House. Mr. Gervais commented he would like to see the Commission's donations go to local sites within the County. Roll call vote: Aye: Denise Collins, Gail Drabant and Gloria Mack. Nay: Bonnie Duresa, Dave Gervias and Dave Stack. Motion failed.

Ms. Mack noted in her report that the Jewel Tea building in Barrington has been nominated to be designated as a National Landmark. Ms. Duresa informed the Commission that this building was recently demolished. The Commission was very disappointed over this action.

## **V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. SURVEY:** David Stack, Chair; Carrie Koster-Horan, Gail Drabant  
No report.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**1. Endangered Sites:** Carrie Koster-Horan  
No report.

**2. Rural Intensive Survey:**  
See attached report.

**B. AWARDS:** Gail Drabant, Chair; Gloria Mack and Bonnie Duresa  
Awards program is on hold until someone new can take over this project.

**C. Municipal Liaison:** David Gervais, Chair; Gloria Mack  
Mr. Gervais stated that he completed the year end report. In completing the report Mr. Gervais became aware that the Village of Richmond had adopted an ordinance regarding an intergovernmental agreement with the County. Staff commented that no ordinance or any documentation had been received to date. Ms. Mack stated that Richmond had crossed out important verbiage. Ms. Mack will follow up and contact the Village and request a new agreement without the amendments.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**1. Joint Council**  
Joint Council will meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Algonquin Village Hall. They will be dedicating the Hill Climb Park. Ms. Mack gave some

information about the dedication and encouraged Commission members to attend.

**D. EDUCATION / SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Denise Collins, Chair

**1. Website**

Ms. Collins mentioned that she has been in contact with Deb Brown from the Information Technology Department and she would like to have the web page up and running by this spring.

Ms. Collins provided the Commission with a draft copy of the *Gazetteer*. She plans on having this finished for History Week and will be placing them in local libraries. Ms. Collins briefly explained to the Commission the regular columns; Inspire (family) small bits of information, hometown – will be a local column, hunting forever history, Almanac – contemporary information along with fun items as well. The Commission suggested a short bio on a McHenry County resident. It was also suggested that the size be increased to 11" x 17" more graphics added possibly with larger fonts. The Commission would like to include a short item detailing the difference between the Historic Preservation Commission and the Historical Society in the first issue. Ms. Collins will update the *Gazetteer* by the next meeting and will have them printed so everyone can help fold.

**2. Landmark Photo Display**

The Commission briefly discussed dates for the Dedication Ceremony. Saturday May 8, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesday May 5, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. were suggested times. A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Gail Drabant to hold a short meeting at 6:30 on May 5, 2004 and then hold the dedication ceremony at 7:00 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. The Commission will be sending invitations to County Officials, County Board members, former Commission members and owners of the landmarked homes in the photographs. They will also be sending out a general press release. There will be a brochure for the display along with refreshments in an open house type gathering. Ms. Collins offered to help design the brochures for this event.

**F. SCENIC STREET/ROADS:** Bonnie Duresa, Chair

See attached report.

Ms. Duresa reported that nothing was pending with the Village of Barrington Hills regarding the intergovernmental agreement. She asked if the County could send a letter with the Suchy Barn application attached. Mr. Gervais stated that the issue has been given to legal council and is waiting on a response. A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by Mr. Stack to wait one month before contacting Village officials. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. This matter will be revisited at next month's meeting.

Ms. Duresa spoke of holding a road rally in place of the scavenger hunt. The Commission noted that a scavenger hunt was planned in the fall when people are out seeing the changing leaves. Ms. Collins stated that she would review the rally information and keep it on file.

**VII. REPORT FROM STAFF**

Ms. Wanaski reported that the survey was accepted and paid for (less 20% retention per formal approval). She also reported that the County will pay for the Historic Photo Display from the general fund and it will not come out the Commission's budget. Ms. Wanaski informed Commissioners that when attending the meetings in the new building if they cannot gain entry to the building to call the conference room number and someone will come down to let them in. The number is 334-4554 and it will be included on the new roster.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

The Local History Week proclamation will be on Planning and Development's agenda on March 18, 2004. Maryanne had the township proclamations all printed out. Gloria contacted Donna Schaefer and she offered to be the point person regarding township participation.

The HPC annual report is complete excluding the scenic roads report and the year-end report from the Endangered Sites Committee. Both will be added and forwarded on to Springfield. A motion was made by David Gervais, seconded by David Stack to approve the Commission's annual report. All members present voted aye. Motion carried

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**X. ADJOURN**

Motion made by David Stack, seconded by Denise Collins to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes  
April 7, 2004**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, Chairman; Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Carrie Koster-Horan and David Stack

**Absent:** David Gervais and Mary Keith

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Nina Campione

**Guests:** None

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bonnie Duresa, seconded by Carrie Koster-Horan to approve the minutes of March 4, 2004 with one amendment. Dave Stack should have been noted as being "present". All voted aye. Motion carried.

Compliments were given to Cindy Sassaman for the minutes from March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

See attached report in addition to comments below.

Ms. Mack noted that publication regarding Local History Week activities states the date for the Landmark Photo Display reception as Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. It should read Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Gail Drabant said that corrections had been made but that staff may get calls to clarify the correct date.

Ms. Mack discussed the Joint Council meeting held in Algonquin on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there was a very good turn out. Mr. Don Purn presented a very well researched program regarding the Algonquin Hill Climb. Ms. Mack commented that in 1905 when the population of Algonquin was only 500 residents, 25,000 people attended the Hill Climb. Of note to the Commission, this year there will be 25 cars reenacting the Algonquin Hill Climb, which is scheduled for June 12, 2004.

Ms. Mack submitted a letter she received from Dolores McDonagh, Vice-President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which is a request for funding. Should anyone like to make a donation, the letter is attached to these minutes detailing the appeal.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. SURVEY:** David Stack, Chair; Carrie Koster-Horan, Gail Drabant  
No report

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**1. Endangered Sites:** Carrie Koster-Horan  
No report

2. Rural Intensive Survey:  
See attached report.

Ms. Drabant mentioned that Maryanne Wanaski had not heard from Amy Easton regarding the last payout on the grant. Ms. Wanaski will follow up with another call.

Ms. Drabant stated that on March 17, 2004 the Village of Richmond's Board unanimously approved a resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the County and accordingly adopt the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Commission. Ms. Drabant asked if staff had been forwarded a copy of the document. Ms. Wanaski stated that to date, Planning and Development had not received anything from the village but that perhaps the document went directly to the County Board Office or it might have been sent to the County Clerk. Ms. Wanaski will contact the village and follow up here at the County.

Lastly, Ms. Drabant stated that she would be doing a walking tour of Richmond on May 7, 2004 as part of the "Look at Local History Week" events.

**B. MUNICIPAL LIAISON:** David Gervais, Chair; Gloria Mack

No report

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**I. Joint Council**

See attached report

**II. Communications/Newsletter**

During the meeting, Commission members folded copies of the *Gazette* and volunteered to distribute the publication to local libraries throughout the County. Ms. Collins mentioned that she needed names of McHenry County residents for the biography section. She noted that on page 3 of the *Gazette* there is an article highlighting the differences between the McHenry County Preservation Commission and the McHenry County Historical Society. Ms. Collins commented that this article would be in each issue of the *Gazette*, again, accenting the differences between the two organizations. Ms. Collins would also welcome any new ideas that could be added to the *Gazette*.

**C. EDUCATION/SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Denise Collins, Chair

**I. Website**

Denise Collins commented that she is still working on the website. Gloria Mack suggested that Ms. Collins contact Don Purn at 815-455-4708 or through his website ([www.mchenrycivilwar.com](http://www.mchenrycivilwar.com)). Maryanne Wanaski stated that she would call Deb Brown from the Information Technology Department to coordinate efforts.

## **II. Landmark Photo Display**

For the Landmark photo reception on May 5<sup>th</sup> invitations will be sent out to County Board members and the owners of the landmarked properties. In addition, invitations will be sent to the villages of Huntley, Ringwood, Richmond, Cary and Bull Valley because of their agreements/landmarks with the County. Former Commission members will also be invited.

Building operations and the County administrator have been informed of the event and they will ensure the building is opened. Refreshments will be served. Commission members are asked to donate cookies, cakes etc. Staff will provide coffee, juice and cups/napkins etc.

## **E. SCENIC STREET/ROADS:** Bonnie Duresa, Chair See attached report

Gail Drabant inquired about the map that the Commission "marked" for the consultants who are working with the Planning Department on the County's new land use/transportation plan that indicated what Commissioners believed to be local "scenic roads". Maryanne Wanaski told the Commission that she would check with Jim Hogue and try to get a copy of the map for the June meeting.

Bonnie Duresa submitted a Proclamation passed by Barrington Hills supporting "Local History Week". Ms. Duresa also submitted a list of the projects that local communities in her area have organized (see attached).

Ms. Duresa stated that she would like to distribute placemats to local restaurants featuring historic pictures with the Preservation Commission's logo on the placemats. Maryanne Wanaski questioned Ms. Duresa about the cost of these placemats. Ms. Duresa stated that a local realty company was donating the placemats as a means to advertise. Ms. Duresa requested the Commission's approval. A motion was made by Carrie Koster-Horan, seconded by Denise Collins to approve the use of the Commission's logo for the above stated purpose. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **VII. REPORT FROM STAFF**

Ms. Wanaski commented that the Commission's ad, placed in a local newspaper, had yielded two applications. Gloria Mack will contact each applicant and report back to the Commission.

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that she had met David Warren, a resident who was in the process of rehabbing his property. A cabinetmaker by trade, Mr. Warren also specializes in furniture from Abraham Lincoln's era. In passing conversation, Ms. Wanaski briefly talked about the Commission. As a

follow up, Gloria Mack will contact him to see if he has any interest in becoming a Commission member or if he would be interested in doing a program for the Joint Council group.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Bonnie Duresa asked about Camp Algonquin. Ms. Wanaski stated that the property was nominated back in 1996 but that the application was ultimately withdrawn before being acted upon by the Commission or County Board. The campground has recently been sold and will probably be developed.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**X. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by David Stack, seconded by Denise Collins to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.



**McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes  
May 5, 2004**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, Chairman; Denise Collins, Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Carrie Koster-Horan and David Stack.

**Absent:** David Gervais and Mary Keith

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**Guests:** Brian Hora

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Collins to only handle necessary business at this meeting due to the Landmark Photo Dedication.

III. **REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

Ms. Mack reported that Local History Week continues to be a great success. Gloria made headlines in the *Northwest Herald* as tour guide through the Palmer House in Crystal Lake. Ms. Koster-Horan will be giving three presentations in the next week. Ms. Drabant is giving a walking house tour in Richmond and Ms. Collins has completed the first publication of the *Gazette* and has distributed it to area libraries.

**REPORT FROM STAFF**

Ms. Wanaski announced that Nina Campione, former secretary, is no longer employed by the County. She also mentioned the Rick Bernotas and Mike Tryon would be attending the Landmark Photo Dedication later this evening. Many RSVP's were received and a good turnout is expected.

Brian Hora was attending the meeting and had also submitted his application for HPC member to the County Board. He mentioned that he works for the museum in Waukegan, but lives in Cary and would really like to be involved in McHenry County.

Ms. Duresa made a motion, seconded by Ms. Collins to forward Mr. Hora's application to the County Board for recommendation to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Duresa also mentioned that Barrington Hills was not discussed at the last meeting and she would like it added to the next agenda.

Cary Public Library has information about the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission on their website. The Commission was encouraged to visit the website.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Collins to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes  
June 2, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, Chairman; Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Carrie Koster-Horan and Brian Hora

**Absent:** Denise Collins, David Stack and Dave Gervias

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Ms. Drabant to approve the regular minutes of May 5, 2004. Ms. Duresa asked that where she spoke of Barrington in the last minutes it should read "Barrington Hills". All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Mack noted that Ms. Koster-Horan needed to leave early and allowed her report first.

Ms. Koster-Horan reported on the multiple presentations she had given during the month of May. Ms. Drabant would like Ms. Koster-Horan to offer presentations at other historic events. Ms. Koster-Horan also mentioned that she needed extra endangered site forms which Ms. Wanaski provided to her. She also thought that in the next *Gazette* an article could be devoted to the endangered sites.

She has been speaking with Lisa Trainor, Chairman of the Marengo Historic Preservation Commission, on the Hibbard House. The property has been condemned by the City of Marengo. The Marengo Historic Preservation has \$100,000 from a trust. They are hoping to raise between \$450,000 - \$500,000 to restore the property and also to cover the legal fees involved. Ms. Wanaski suggested that contact is made with Crystal Lake to see how they raised money to restore the Dole Mansion. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Ms. Koster-Horan, to send a letter of support to the Marengo Historic Preservation Commission along with carbon copies to the Marengo Township Board for their efforts to save the Hibbard House. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRMAN**

Ms. Mack reported that the reception for the Landmark Photo Display was a wonderful success. Thank you notes were sent out to Rick Bernotas and

Michael Tryon. The fall Joint Council meeting will be held at the Holcombville School where Nancy Fike will report on "A Look at Local History" week. Everyone is invited to bring their own chairs.

Ms. Mack contacted the President of the Farm Bureau regarding the Commission representation by the Farm Bureau on the Commission's roster. He will be publishing the vacancy notice in the next months Farm Bureau Newsletter.

Ms. Mack reported that she received a phone call from Springfield regarding a cell tower request at the Clark Farm on Route 120 and Thompson Road. The tower location is proposed behind the barn and silos. Ms. Drabant noted the health concerns as well as the stone cabin which is one of six remaining in the County. Noted too was that the the house on the property has a cobblestone foundation. She was also concerned with other towers being proposed on the property at a later date. Ms. Wanaski reminded the Commission that they can only make suggestions and cannot stop the erection of the tower. A letter will be sent to IHAPC with the concerns noted above. The Commission supports limiting the number of towers on the property to one.

Ms. Koster-Horan left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **I. SURVEY**

### Rural Intensive Survey

Ms. Drabant reported that she spoke to the Barn Preservation group about sharing data about barns documented from the Rural Intensive Survey. She will provide the group with a subset (barns only). She also informed the Commission that two nominations will be submitted soon; one is the old wooden bridge in Richmond.

## **II. SCENIC ROADS/STREETS**

Ms. Duresa provided one of the official placemats of Fox River Grove, a copy of the Cary Public Library poster for local history week, newspaper articles relating to the week's activities, handouts from the Fox River Grove school presentation, national historic week poster from the National Historic Trust and also photos from her display cases in Cary and Fox River Grove. Ms. Duresa offered the "traveling library display" to anyone in the Commission that would like to borrow it for any other library.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Mack stated that after reviewing the Scenic Road Application it is too complicated and needs to be simplified. She also asked for an Ordinance and Rules and Procedures for the new Commissioner, Brian Hora. She encouraged Mr. Hora to find a project that interested him. He would also be provided with a map of the landmarked sites in McHenry County.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Ms. Drabant to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes  
July 7, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, Chairman; Gail Drabant, Bonnie Duresa, Carrie Koster-Horan, Brian Hora, Denise Collins and David Stack

**Absent:** David Gervais

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Hora to approval the regular minutes of June 2, 2004. After a brief discussion one amendment was made. First page, fourth paragraph, "Marengo Township Board" should be "City of Marengo". All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Mack reported that two applications had been received by the Scenic Road Committee. The Sub-committee met since the last meeting and this will be discussed in Ms. Duresa's report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Survey** – Mr. Stack followed up on a request called in by Viola Stewart's granddaughter. He mentioned that he had called several times with no answer. The home is located on Van Der Karr Road and Stewart in Hebron. He will send an application and a short note thanking her for her interest.

**Education** – Denise Collins is preparing the next *Gazette* which will be ready for distribution in August. She will have the same features as the previous issue; history in your pocket will be about postage stamps, a hidden message puzzle, old fashioned fun (box ball and stick ball), three new architectural features and a did you know section on the definition of "banister". She is in need of two sentences that explain the difference between the Historic Preservation Commission from the Historical Society. She is also searching for a person to highlight in the "Our Neighbor" section. Hebron women's baseball league was suggested. Mr. Hora recommended calling Rockford (Rockford Peaches).

**Scenic Streets/Roads** – Ms. Duresa reported that the Sub-committee received two applications; Mason Hill Road and River Road. Ms. Duresa brought what was submitted and pictures for the Commission to preview. There was

discussion as to who would pay for the scenic road signs regarding Mason Hill Road. It was determined that the cost of \$80 for signs would be incurred by the Village of Bull Valley. Motion by Mr. Stack, seconded by Ms. Horan to approve the application of Mason Hill Road to be designated as scenic road #2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Ms. Mack volunteered to contact the Village of Bull Valley.

The River Road Application will be resubmitted because some changes will be made. There was discussion as to whether a scenic road can use several streets and if there were pockets of the street, that were not scenic, if they should be included. Ms. Collins mentioned that she felt the several roads could be included and a "scenic route" and the pockets should also be included because those areas tend to "rise" to some level of scenic status of their neighbors.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Wanaski explained that the Department was in the process of updating the budget for FY04/05. She requested the Commission think about any additional line items that could be used in their budget. No additional money will be given to the Commission, but the division could be split differently. A line for "hospitality" for open houses etc. will be added to the Budget. Ms. Wanaski also mentioned that she applied for a supplemental budget to subsidize 40% of the cost to complete a rural intensive survey in Hebron and Alden Townships in the amount of \$10,000. Ms. Collins requested that Dreamweaver software is purchased from the current year's budget. She will provide information to Maryann.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Horan, seconded by Ms. Collins to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission Minutes  
August 4, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack, Chairman; Bonnie Duresa, David Gervais, Denise Collins and Carrie Koster-Horan

**Absent:** Gail Drabant and Brian Hora and David Stack

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Duresa to approve the regular minutes of July 7, 2004. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Mack reported that she attended the Village of Bull Valley's Board meeting where she presented information on the designation of Mason Hill Road as Scenic Road #2. She directed staff to send a blank application to the Village. Ms. Mack will also be giving a presentation to Dorr Township on September 14<sup>th</sup> regarding Mason Hill Road.

Ms. Mack also spoke to Tony Freels from the Ostend Cemetery Board. He mentioned that the sign is in good condition except for a piece of trim on the arch that needs painting. He also noted that the boy scouts will be trimming and clearing brush from the cemetery. In conversation, he mentioned that they would like to put up a picket fence along the front of the cemetery. Ms. Mack would like the Commission to consider giving the cemetery a grant to pay for a portion of the fence. Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Mr. Gervais to give a monetary gift for the purchase of the picket fence in the amount of \$750. During discussion, Mr. Gervais explained that he felt a donation of this type was beyond the scope of what the Commission would be able to donate especially to a private entity. Roll call vote: Aye: Duresa, Koster-Horan; Nay: Gervais, Collins and Mack. Motion failed. Ms. Collins suggested calling Home Depot to ask for a donation and she offered to make the phone call.

Mr. Dan Shea dropped off a newspaper article from the *Daily Herald* regarding Plum Tree Road's scenic status and why no other streets in the County have been designated. Ms. Duresa had already replied to the article and provided the Commission with a copy of her response.

Nancy Fike called Ms. Mack regarding the Rudolphus Hutchinson House to inform her that a porch was being added. Ms. Mack asked staff to search permit records to see if a permit was obtained.



Ms. Mack also reminded the Commission that the Joint Council will be meeting in Union at the Historical Society Museum. Tom Heavisides of IDNR will be speaking on the Local Legacy Act. Members of the Farm Bureau and MCCD will likewise be invited.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Survey Committee** – None

**Municipal Liaison** – None

**Communications** – Ms. Collins provided copies of the next issue of the *Gazette* for the Commission to fold and also to distribute. Ms. Koster-Horan added some small school article to the *Gazette*.

### **Scenic Streets/Roads**

Ms. Duresa reported that North River Road application is still in progress. She was also notified that an application will be submitted for a street in Marengo in the near future.

## **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that the Diggins School has new owners. She sent them a copy of the Ordinance and a packet of information and recorded their names as the new owners. Ms. Wanaski briefly spoke on the Local Legacy Act that was passed by the State, but has no money to fund the program. The Commission was reminded that budget money needs to be spent in the very near future. Ms. Collins will report back to staff on information on Dreamweaver software to construct the web page. The next *Gazette* will be out in mid-October. The deadline will be early in October. A suggestion was made that a small article could be written about each member on the Commission. Ms. Collins asked each commissioner to write a paragraph about themselves and to send it to her via e-mail.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Village of Barrington Hills can be removed from the agenda since phone calls have not been returned.

Commission members would like the Joint Council to produce a calendar of events for historic events countywide. This could possibly be added to the *Gazette*.

The Village of Huntley is looking to appoint their own Historic Preservation Commission. The Village assumed they could adopt the County's Historic Preservation, but they must create their own. Staff will be sending the Village a formal letter.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Horan and seconded by Ms. Duresa to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 50 a.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gloria Mack called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Gloria Mack; Chairperson, Bonnie Duresa, David Gervais, Brian Hora, Gail Drabant, Denise Collins and David Stack

**Absent:** Carrie Koster-Horan

**Staff:** Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by David Stack to approve the minutes with the addition of Mr. Stack to the absent list and to change the word "art" to article regarding the article submitted by Ms. Horan for the newsletter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Mack reported that the Joint Council notice on September 22<sup>nd</sup> has been mailed out. The speaker at the meeting will be Tom Heavisides from IDNR. She has received many positive comments on the *Gazette* and thanked Ms. Collins for all of her work. Nancy Fike informed Ms. Mack that next year from June through August an exhibit called "Key Ingredients", provided by the Smithsonian, will be coming to McHenry County. The historic society is anticipating increased hours and has asked for volunteers. Ms. Mack was also invited to a brainstorming meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in attending. Ms. Mack also mentioned the Fox River Grove Windmill must be moved from its current location. The anticipated cost could be up to \$30,000. Ms. Wanaski mentioned that she would contact LPCI and relate any information to the administration at the Village of Fox River Grove. Also noted was a new liaison for MCCD; Aimee Collins will be taking the place of Mary Keith. Ms. Mack mentioned three upcoming programs that might be of interest to Commissioners:

Preserving Our Heritage – September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Trust  
Conference on Illinois History – October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Springfield  
LPCI Awards – Stock Exchange Trading Room – October 9<sup>th</sup>

**Committee Reports**

Survey- David Gervais noted that there will be a new application submitted soon. Shirley Bean will be going to the Village of Trout Valley for approval to repair the stone arch which is technically located in Cary.

Communications - Website - Denise asked that status of purchasing Dreamweaver. Ms. Wanaski informed the Commission that approval from the Information Technology Department was being sought prior to purchasing the software since they support us.

Education - Ms. Collins noted that the article deadline for the next *Gazette* is early October. Remember the articles are for children with the average age being 12 years old.

Scenic Street/Roads – The Sub-Committee is seeking approval from the Village of Algonquin to designate North River Road. Signs for Mason Hill Road will be ordered after the meeting on September 14th in Dorr Township.

### **Review from Staff**

Ms. Wanaski mentioned that Dan Shea had given her a copy of Ms. Duresa's reply in the newspaper.

She also reported that there is a new program, "Preserve America". This is a White House initiative. She asked the Commission if they would be interested in participating.

The Commission was also reminded that the budget deadline is nearing for any other items to be purchased from FY 2004 budget dollars.

A staff member from the Department was asking for help in locating information on the Marlow grain building in Huntley for a family member who was hoping to create a small replica of the building. Nancy Fike should be contacted for information. The "At Home in Huntley" Book is another great source.

The following meetings will continue during this month:

September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Nancy Fike
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Dorr Township
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Joint Council meeting
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sub-Committee meeting.

Next months Old Business agenda item will include the Fox River Grove Windmill.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Stack to continue this meeting until September 14 at Dorr Township and the then until September 23rd, at Barnes and Noble at 7:30 pm.

All members presenting voting aye. Motion carried. All aye

The meeting was closed at 7:47 p.m.

**Date:** 9/28/2004 7:26:33 PM  
**Subject:** Scenic Roads Sub-Committee

McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Continued from September 1 to September 14 & 23, 2004

September 14, 2004  
Dorr Township Board Meeting  
Presentation for Mason Hill Road of Bull Valley was changed to October 12, 2004.  
Chairman Gloria Mack will be attending.

Scenic Street and Roads Sub-Committee Minutes  
September 23, 2004

Hi Maryanne,  
To follow are the minutes from Sep 23, Scenic Road Sub-Committee.  
I would greatly appreciate if you could call Bob Kosin Admin.of Barrington Hills about the missing County scenic road sign on corner of Ridge & Plum Tree.

There is road construction going on. BH telephone 847-551-3000. Thanks a million  
Hope the minutes meet with your approval.  
Bonnie

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Scenic Street and Roads Subcommittee Minutes

September 23, 2004

CALL TO ORDER  
By HPC Chairman Gloria Mack at 7:33 PM  
Scenic Roads Chairman Bonnie Duresa conducted meeting.

ROLL CALL  
Present: Gloria Mack, Bonnie Duresa, Laurie Abboud, Sarah Edwards, Jim Keefe  
Absent: Marti Swanson & Dorothy Otis. Randi Rewoldt (came approx. 7:50 PM)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Jim Keefe, seconded by Gloria Mack to approve from last meeting on July 1, 2004 meeting .

APPROVAL OF SCENIC STREET # 3

North River Road in Algonquin, Algonquin Township

All members received the revised application via mail. Ms. Edwards & Ms. Rewoldt,

suggested updating information regarding the new ownership of Camp

Algonquin.. Chairman Duresa agreed to update it before the next meeting of the County

Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Sarah Edwards to approve North River Road in Algonquin, as Scenic Road # 3 of McHenry County, Ms. Abboud seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Thank you to all the members attending this evenings meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Duresa.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Mack at 8:02 PM

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Carrie Koster-Horan called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Carrie Koster-Horan, Bonnie Duresa, David Stack, Brian Hora, Gail Drabant, Denise Collins and Aimee Collins.

Absent: David Gervais and Gloria Mack

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Denise Collins, seconded by Bonnie Duresa to approve the minutes of September 1, 2004 and the September 23, 2004 minutes by Ms. Duresa. Ms. Duresa asked that clarification be made to the minutes of September 1<sup>st</sup> relating to Scenic Street/Roads; add wording "The subcommittee" is seeking approval from the Village of Algonquin..... All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Drabant presented Gloria's report in her absence. She noted that the Joint Council met on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Historical Society Museum in Union. Tom Heavisides and Nancy Williamson of IDNR presented the program. There were approximately 14 people in attendance. She also mentioned that they would like a copy of the Commission's Comprehensive Landmark list. Ms. Mack thought a letter should be sent to all groups requesting an updated list of their landmarks so that we can be up to date with our list.

Ms. Mack and Ms. Collins attended the Smithsonian Exhibit meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to attend please contact Ms. Collins.

Ms. Mack reminded everyone to start preparing their annual reports since they are due at the December meeting.

Ms. Mack had noted in her report that five homes in Marengo have received landmark status. She is attaching a copy of the newspaper article in the minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Survey Committee** Ms. Drabant received a new grant application package which is due November 8, 2004. This grant has been utilized twice in previous

years to help complete the rural intensive survey. This is a 60% federal, 40% local share. The first phase of this survey completed Algonquin, Nunda and McHenry Townships. The second phase included Richmond, Burton, Greenwood, Coral and Dorr Townships. The third phase will include Hebron and Seneca Townships. Motion by Gail Drabant, seconded by Brian Hora to continue forward with Phase 3 of the Intensive Rural Survey. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Endangered Sites** – David Stack reported that the owner of the windmill in Fox River Grove had contacted him and he will be attending a meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> with the Fox River Grove Park Commission.

Ms. Wanaski noted that a cellular company is requesting to co-located on an existing cell tower on Beachway in Algonquin and needs comments from the Commission. David Stack will be in that area and will take a look at the property. He will prepare a letter for Maryanne to forward to Springfield.

**Communication** – Dreamweaver software is ordered. Denise is finishing up the fall issue of the *Gazette*. She mentioned that there is some space left if anyone has anything to submit. There will be an article about flour mills and grist mills, harvest and apples and some house features. Ms. Wanaski was contacted by a Nippersink School parent that was willing to pay postage for copies of the *Gazette*. Ms. Wanaski met with Don Englert, Superintendent for McHenry County Schools and they do not have an open door policy. However, the *Gazette* could be sent out to social science teachers to be incorporated with their curriculum.

**Scenic Streets** – Ms. Duresa has a copy of the application of North River Road submitted by the Historic Commission of Algonquin for everyone to see. They noted it was a nice compact road and a compatible road to be marked as a scenic road. Ms. Drabant felt this was a good candidate for a scenic road. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by David Stack to accept North River Road as a scenic road. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> the Fox River Grove Park Commission will meet to discuss the windmill. Ms. Duresa mentioned that they are still seeking donations and that local masons are volunteering to help after the move to a nearby park. Ms. Duresa would like to donate money from the Historic Preservation Budget. There was a discussion if this is allowed. This item is tabled until the next meeting in November.

Ms. Duresa asked who was in charge of the display case in the Main Government Center Building. She would like to display a few items in the case. It is believed

that the Historical Society was given permission to have the case and it would not be appropriate to ask them to use it. Maryanne will look into this further.

**Report by Staff**

Ms. Wanaski provided the Commission with a 2005 list of calendar dates. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month except June because of the Memorial Day Holiday and will be held on June 8th.

Ms. Wanaski asked the Commission for any ideas or items that need to be purchased from the FY 2004 Budget. White binders for the Rural Intensive Survey will be purchased from the 2004 Budget.

The Village of Huntley is pursuing their own Ordinance and Commission. Ms. Wanaski offered the Commission's help to Carl Tomaso, Village Administrator to get them started.

Brian reviewed the Preserve America forms and felt that he was not here long enough to provide the information that is needed for submittal. He mentioned that there are 3 categories; cultural/natural heritage, merit or tourism, or a privately funded effort. It was decided that Denise would submit the form under the cultural/natural heritage category for the *Gazette*. The deadline is November 1, 2004.

Ms. Wanaski noted that the brush and overgrown weeded area around the sign and along Route 120 at Ostend Cemetery has been cleaned up.

Motion by Ms. Denise Collins, seconded by Ms. Duresa to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gloria Mack; Chairman, Bonnie Duresa, Gail Drabant, David Gervais, Denise Collins and Aimee Collins

Absent: David Stack, Carrie Koster-Horan and Brian Hora

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the minutes of October 6, 2004 as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Mack suggested that we make a change in the scenic road application and include the question "how the road or street was named". Ms. Duresa asked if a submittal date could be placed on the application too. Staff will follow up.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> Ms. Mack attended the Dorr Township meeting where she presented information on Mason Hill Road. The Township officials voted unanimously to designate the road. She then contacted the Village of Bull Valley via telephone to inform them of the outcome of the meeting and requested that they coordinate with Dorr Township a short ceremony designating the road. As of November 1<sup>st</sup> she was informed that Bull Valley had the signs and were in the process of putting them in. She inquired if they would like a ceremony and they will let her know.

Ms. Mack spoke to the Village of Algonquin's Administrator, Bill Ganek, to have North River Road placed on the Village meeting agenda. He informed her that the Algonquin Commission had brought it to the Board. They did not vote; but the consensus was that North River Road could be a scenic road. Ms. Mack asked if the Commission should require a vote. Mr. Gervais suggested that since money would be expended to purchase and install the sign a vote should be required. Ms. Mack will contact the Village to notify them.

Ms. Mack also noted that she spoke to Art Ostend, Village Administrator of Fox River Grove on November 2, 2004 regarding the Windmill and she noted that the ownership has not been transferred.

**SURVEY**

Gail Drabant thanked Maryanne for preparing the grant application for Phase III of the Rural Intensive Survey; Hebron and Seneca Townships.

She stated that we have received inquiries on two more landmarks and also provided a list of pending sites. It was also mentioned that a letter was received from Linda Balek asking for direction from the Commission on preserving the Old Mill on Alden Road. This item will be forwarded to David Stack.

Ms. Mack read David Stack's report to the Commission. He reported that he attended the meeting on October 13, 2004 at the Fox River Grove Village Hall to discuss moving the Legat Windmill. Discussion took place regarding restoration and replication of the structure. Several items of information were given on grants for restoration of the structure. No decisions were made and Mr. Stack has not heard anything more on this item since the meeting.

Mr. Stack also provided a copy of the letter he sent regarding the telecommunications antenna and expansion of fenced compound on Beachway Road in Algonquin. In the correspondence he noted that there were no potentially historically significant land marked properties within the area. He noted that the Algonquin Cemetery is located directly to the south of the existing well house and fenced area. Precautions should be taken to insure no damage is done to the graves and head stones near the fenced area. His correspondence will be forwarded to Springfield.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Denise Collins noted that the Dreamweaver software was received. She will work on the website and bring her laptop to the January meeting so everyone can view the proposed website at that date.

The *Gazette* is ready to go for the fall issue. Ms. Mack thought we should mail copies to libraries that we are not able to drop off copies in person. She will provide a list of those libraries. The *Gazette* will be added to the website and will allow for greater circulation. Ms. Collins asked the Commission for ideas for the next issue. Items such as how roads get their names was considered. Also, women's hairstyles, how germ awareness changed styles and facts on the common cold were suggested.

### **SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS**

Ms. Duresa noted that she neglected to state that the sub-committee unanimously approved North River Road, which should have preceded her request for the Commission's approval.

Ms. Duresa spoke about the Legat Windmill and stated that they need help. She mentioned that Fox River Grove would like to move the structure to Lyons Park, but they need guidance. She wondered if Springfield could offer a professional opinion on moving the structure. In Old World Wisconsin many buildings were taken apart and rebuilt piece by piece with each piece being numbered and placed in exactly the same position. Ms. Duresa noted that donations are

needed for this project. Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Mr. Gervias, to donate \$450.00 to the Cary Grove Historic Society for preservation of the Legat Windmill in Fox River Grove. There was discussion on the motion. Ms. Duresa felt that this is what the Commission is about. Mr. Gervais noted that he had concerns that giving this money sets precedence and this is also taxpayer money. He is in support of this project but not through this Commission's funds. Roll Call vote: Denise Collins: no, David Gervais: no, Bonnie Duresa: aye, Gail Drabant: no, and Gloria: no. Motion failed. It was suggested that a letter is sent to the Village in support. This item will be forwarded to David Stack. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Gervais that the survey Commission Chairman, David Stack, write a letter to the Fox River Grove Park Commission in support of moving and preserving of the Legat Windmill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Duresa toured the Pullman House, one of Chicago's oldest house tours. She provided the Commission with a brochure for information and suggested that the Commission take the tour in fall of 2005.

Ms. Duresa noted that the scenic road sign for Barrington Hills is still missing after the road construction. She requested that the Commission order a new sign. Motion by Ms. Duresa, seconded by Mr. Gervais to order a new scenic road sign for Barrington Hills. Motion to amend original motion, change to, Motion to order new sign for Barrington Hills not to exceed \$50 for replacement of missing sign. All members present voting aye to amend the motion. All members voting aye on the motion. Motion carried.

### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Ms. Wanaski took orders for the 2005 historic calendars. She also noted that Preserving America – CDBG has money that could be available. The percentage that is available is low, but not many applications are received for this category. This item was referred to Amiee Collins.

Ms. Wanaski had previously asked the Commission about items that could be purchased from this years remaining budget. It was thought a display case would be a good idea. She provided a few examples from the internet. Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Gervias to purchase an exhibit case with legs not to exceed \$250.00. David Gervais noted that this Commission does not have artifacts like the Historical Society and the display case is not necessary. After reviewing the examples provided the Commission thought more money should be provided for a more appropriate case. Motion to amend not to exceed \$450.00 for purchasing a display case. Roll Call vote: David Gervais: no, Gloria: No, Denise Collins: aye and Bonnie Duresa: aye.

Ms. Wanaski mentioned that she volunteered Ms. Mack to speak with Huntley's Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Wanaski attended their meeting last

week. She advised them to start small, but first start with an intensive survey of the Village before deciding to recommend historic districts.

Ms. Wanaski has the grant application for Phase III of the Intensive Rural Survey. She and Gail Drabant will submit it to Springfield at the end of the week.

Mr. Gervais noted that there is a meeting on the Local Legacy project and he recommended that someone attend on behalf of this Commission. He decided that he would be the person to attend.

The next meeting for the Commission will be the Christmas/December meeting. The Commission agreed to meet at Pirro Brothers Restaurant on the Woodstock Square. Staff will send out invites.

Aimee Collins, on behalf of MCCD, will be added as a regular agenda item.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESEVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Gloria Mack called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held at Pirro Bros. Restaurant.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gloria Mack; Chairman, David Gervias, David Stack, Aimee Collins, Brian Hora, Gail Drabant.

Absent: Bonnie Duresa and Denise Collins, Carrie Koster-Horan

Staff: Maryanne Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Hora to recommend approval of the minutes of the November 3, 2004 meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Stack to suspend all regular business until the next meeting in January; excepting the recommendation of Randy Rewoldt. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Drabant, seconded by Mr. Hora to recommend the appointment of Randi Rewoldt to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and forward said recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee. All members present voting aye.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.