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The McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission meetings for Fiscal Year 2014 will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Room 207 Woodstock, Illinois unless otherwise noticed. Following are the meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2014:

December 4, 2013

January 8, 2014

February 5, 2014

March 5, 2014

April 2, 2014

May 7, 2014

June 4, 2014

July 2, 2014

August 6, 2014

September 3, 2014

October 1, 2014

November 5, 2014

December 3, 2014



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • JANUARY 8, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Stelford to approve the minutes of December 4th. All voting members voted age. Motion passed. Ms. Mack abstained.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Eric Hunt was present for the open Commissioner position.

IV. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Open Commissioner Position (status / actions to be taken)

Mr. Hunt stated he has a Masters Degree from Aurora University and majored in history and religious studies. He is employed at St. Peter and Paul School in Cary as a history teacher and he lives in Woodstock. He stated his passion for history is why he applied and his focus is education and history. After the Commission interviewed Mr. Hunt, they asked him if he would not mind stepping outside the room so the Commission could discuss his application.

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Gervais to recommend Mr. Hunt for nomination to the Historic Preservation Commission. There was no further discussion . All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee before going on to the County Board for approval.

B. Proposed Awards Program for 2014 and possible expenditure(s) related thereto

Ms. Doornbosch stated she is looking create an award for historical renovation in the County, both incorporated and unincorporated areas. She said she would like this to coincide with local history month in May. Ms. Doornbosch pointed out that businesses or individuals cannot donate prizes to give out as awards because we are attached to government. Any award the Commission gives will have to come out of the budget

The Commission discussed if there would be categories for the award, and if the award would be for businesses as well as residential. They also discussed interior renovation versus exterior renovation, as well as renovation versus preservation. Ms. Doornbosch said she would look into prices for plaques versus framed certificates. Ms. Brown said she will also look into her old files and get some information of what the Commission did in the past.

The consensus of the Commission was to go forward with and place it on the an agenda next month.

C. Possible expenditure for dues to renew National Trust for Historic Preservation Membership

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve an expenditure of \$30 for annual membership dues to The National Trust for Historic Preservation. All voting members voted aye by a voice vote.

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D. Action to Replace Defective Calendars

Ms. Stelford reported that she e-mailed the Vista Print regarding the defective calendars, and they sent her 50 more calendars at no cost. She noted that she would like to have the new HPC website address on the calendars. Staff will print labels with the new address on them and affix them to the back of the calendars.

The Commission agreed to send the extra calendars to the Department Heads.

The Commission discussed doing another calendar for next year. They discussed different ideas and liked the idea of focusing on barns.

E. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant Application Cycle for 2014 Status Update (if any) and Actions to be Taken Regarding the Grant/Rural Intensive Survey

Mr. Greeley mentioned no action needs to be taken. The grant was sent in November and the Commission should be hearing something this month.

F. Committees, Goals and Objectives

Ms. Mack handed in her goals for 2014.

i. Committee & Member Assignments / Roster Review

Mr. Foley stated this could wait until after the elections are completed. Mr. Gervais noted that the Chairman decides the committees. Mr. Greeley stated he likes the way the committees are presently set up, but he is open to suggestions.

ii. Committee Goals and Objectives

The Committee discussed adding an Endangered Sites Committee. This would raise awareness by making it part of the committee report. Adding something to the website would also be helpful. This would be a way for people who know of endangered sites to have a point of contact. It would also bring sites to the attention of the Commission that they may not be aware of.

Mr. Foley pointed out the two required Committees are Landmark and Survey and Public Relations. The Commission removed the Building and Facades, and Tourism. Relations. Public Relations will be under the Education Committee as well as Communications. Special Programs, Historic Site audit and Scenic road audit will be under Landmark and Survey.

V. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers (Note: Chairmanship Change Requires County Board Action)

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to nominate the existing slate of officers to go forward.

Mr. Greeley stated this would give everyone the opportunity to complete their term.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to close the nominations. All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

All voting members voted aye to keep the existing slate of officers. Motion passed.

B. Tryon Grove Scenic Road Application

Ms. Mack said she would like to have the Tryon Grove Road dedication in May when the weather is warmer. There is a landmarked house on the road and the owner may be willing to host the dedication.

Mr. Gervais and Ms. Mack will work on the application.

C. Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2013

Mr. Greeley stated the Annual Reports are due so they can be sent to the National Parks Service, the State and the County Board. Ms. Mack handed her report over to Ms. Martin.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley submitted his report in writing (attached). He stated he coordinated with Grace Moline and the Historical Society to update the comprehensive list. The list can be found on the Commission's web site.(mchhpc.org)

Ms. Brown stated there was an e-mail from Kurt Begalka from the Historical Society regarding the Harmony School. There is someone who is interested in having the school moved on his property. IDOT wants to make sure if they agree to pay for moving the building, it would be maintained and stay where it is.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey

No report.

B. Municipal Liaison Report

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She read the report and there were no comments.

C. Building & Facades

No report.

D. Education

No report.

E. Public Relations

No Report.

F. Special Programs

No report.

G. Budget

Mr. Foley stated that a new fiscal year started so the Commission is starting on a clean slate with \$2500.

H. Staff Report

No report.

I. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown stated, based on conversations with Camp Algonquin, there was a comment that MCCD does not care about conservation district historic properties until they are so far gone that nothing can be done with them. Ms. Brown said she started to document the historic properties that the district has, and it was presented at the December MCCD Board meeting, which the Board formally accepted. Ms. Brown distributed the report to the Commission, and it is attached to these minutes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

1. Historic Preservation - Public Meeting - Jan 8, 2014 6:30 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Susan Stelford SECONDER: Gloria Mack

AYES: Phillips, Hunt, Greeley, Doornbosch, Mack, Stelford

ABSENT: Gervais, Gray, Selpien

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests present.

IV. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed Awards Program for 2014 & Possible Expenditure(s) related thereto

The Committee discussed how much they would have to spend on the contest. It was noted a certificate would be used as a prize instead of a plaque.

The Commission reviewed the "Award for Excellence in Building Preservation" application that Ms. Doornbosch distributed to the Commission. The Commission made some changes and once those changes are made, the application will be posted on the Commission's web site.

Ms. Doornbosch stated she will send the information on the contest to the Joint Council and contractors. She added that she will contact Kurt Begalka, of the McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission, to see about posting the application on their website.

B. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant Application Cycle for 2014 - status update (if any) & Actions to be taken regarding the Grant / Rural Intensive Survey

Mr. Greeley said he spoke with Ms. O'Connor and the grant is on the Governor's desk. She said it looks like it may be approved, and the Commission should be hearing the official decision soon.

C. Tryon Grove Scenic Road Application

Ms. Mack reported that she met with Mr. Gervais to discuss the scenic roads submittal analysis form and make some changes to it. Ms. Mack also met with Ms. Brown on a different day to review the form, and make changes. Copies of the amended form were distributed to the Commission members, and it is attached to these minutes.

Tryon Grove Road received a rating of 17 out of 22 points.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Stelford to forward the Tryon Grove Road Application to the Transportation Committee for their approval. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

D. Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2013

Mr. Foley reported that he has not mailed the report to IHPA because he is waiting to see if the IHPA grant is approved. He said they usually e-mail the form a few weeks before it is due. Mr. Greeley said he will e-mail the form for the State to Mr. Foley. He thinks the deadline is March.

Mr. Greeley stated he presented the annual report to the County Board at their last meeting.

E. Committees, Goals & Objectives

i. Updates by Committees

Mr. Foley reported that Ms. Mack submitted her goals and objectives. After discussion, the Commission decided to review and discuss two committees at each meeting to discuss goals and objectives.

Budget and special programs will be reviewed at the March meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Upcoming IDOT Meeting Concerning Proposed Relocation of the Old Harmony School to Another Site

Mr. Greeley left the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest. Ms. Mack said she spoke to Mr. Begalka and he will be meeting with IDOT on February 14th. The proposed site for the Harmony School is at Route 20 and Church Street.

Mr. Hunt volunteered to attend the IDOT meeting. He will get in contact with Mr. Begalka for more information.

Mr. Foley reminded the Commission that Mr. Gervais had mentioned creating a resolution stating the Commission's position on preserving the school.

At this time, Mr. Greelev returned to the meeting.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley reported he completed the Commission's Annual Report and presented a PowerPoint presentation to the County Board on February 4th.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey & Landmark

No report.

B. Communiation & Public Relations

Ms. Stelford reported that she contacted Mr. Chirikos for a list of addresses and owner names for picturesque barns in the County for a 2015 calendar.

Mr. Foley mentioned that the McHenry County Historical Society has a barn registry. Ms. Stelford will contact Mr. Begalka regarding the registry.

i. Education (Subcommittee)

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She spoke with Mr. Belgalka to discuss the location of the next Joint Council meeting. Possible locations discussed were the Raue Center in Crystal Lake, the Dole Mansion or the Palmer House. They are going to continue the discussion in a few weeks.

D. Special Programs

Ms. Brown asked about the plaques for the pictures of the landmarks and if they were ordered. Mr. Foley said they have not been ordered because there was an issue with the size of the plates. Ms. Brown would like to get those ordered and back into the process.

E. Budget

Mr. Foley mention the Commission spent \$30 for the membership renewal for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

i. Grants (Subcommittee)

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown reported that, based on the Historic Structures Report, MCCD has been looking at ways of alternative funding to preserve some of the structures. They are open to looking at all kinds of sources.

G. Staff Report

Mr. Foley Submitted an updated Commission roster list and asked the Commission members for updates, if any. Mr. Foley noted that he gave Mr. Hunt an information binder, which is given to new Commission members.

Mr. Foley reported that he is working on transferring information from the old website on to the County's website. Mr. Greeley mentioned that the contract with the present web host is up in May.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Stelford to adjourn. All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • MARCH 5, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Stelford to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2014 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

1. Historic Preservation - Public Meeting - Feb 5, 2014 6:30 PM

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests present.

IV. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant Application Cycle for 2014 - Status Update and Actions to be taken regarding the Grant/Rural Intensive Survey

It was noted that the grant was approved. Mr. Foley stated the total cost is \$22,000. The State grant is \$15,400 and the local match grant is \$6600.00. Mr. Greeley is confident that this will go through the Planning and Development Committee and the County Board. He said the Planning and Development Committee, at one of their meetings, stated this is an ongoing project and should continue to be updated.

Mr. Phillips arrived at 6:44 p.m.

B. Tryon Grove Scenic Road Application

Ms. Mack reported she attended the Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. Korpalski, Division of Transportation, said they would purchase the signs since it is a County road. The Dedication will be held on May 3rd at 1:00. Refreshments will follow at the Tryon Grove Farm.

Ms. Mack sent information to Mr. Ders Anderson regarding the Scenic Road Program. Mr. Anderson lives on Crystal Springs Road in Bull Valley, and he and his neighbors are going to be working on a scenic road application for Crystal Springs Road. He also expressed interest in doing an application for Cherry Valley Road and Bull Valley Road.

C. Committees, Goals and Objectives

i. Updates by Committees

The Commission decided to review the Budget and Education Committee goals in April, and in April discuss Survey, Landmark, and Special Programs.

V. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

March 5, 2014

A. Review for Certificate of Appropriateness - Ostend Cemetery Sign and Fence

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Stelford, that the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations to the sign and the fence, to the Ostend Cemetery, be approved provided the signage be consistent with the original signage, located on the property in design and materials.

All voting members voted aye, motion approved.

B. Expenditure for Commissioner Name Badge(s)

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the expenditure of not more than \$50.00 to obtain name badges for new Commission members.

The motion was approved on a voice vote.

C. Administration Building Landmark Photo Display

i. Confirm Selection of the Photograph for Representing Harmony School

Ms. Stelford will work with Mr. Foley on the photos. Ms. Martin will forward those pictures to Mr. Foley.

ii. Possible Expenditure for Landmark Photo Display Photo Plates

Motion by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Gervais to approve the expenditure for 2 landmark metal photo plates not to exceed \$500.

The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Greeley abstained.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley reported that he updated the website with the award contest application and, he also reformatted the comprehensive list for easier viewing.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

Ms. Gray reported she attended the Chicago Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting in Blue Island. She handed brochures to give the Commissioner's regarding Dixie Highway. She also had a handout regarding the Illinois Rehabilitation and Revitalization Tax Credit, and a handout of Illinois Restoration Resources.

Ms. Gray also informed the Commission about a house on Busse Road in Dunham Township. She used to live in the house and it the owners have applied for, and been issued a demolition permit. She researched the house and found it was the original Busse homestead. She wanted to bring this to the Commission's attention.

Ms. Brown suggested that Ms. Gray write an article in the <u>Tracer</u> about the house since she has done all this research. She also suggested contacting the owner to see if she can get into the house to see what condition it is in and take pictures.

Ms. Brown thanked Ms. Gray for attending the Suburban Preservation Alliance Meeting. She noted it is required for the Commission's "Certified Local Government" state status with IHPA in Springfield

that someone from the Commission attend at least one state-wide meeting per year. This will be noted on the Commission's annual report to Springfield.

i. IDOT Meeting Concerning Proposed Relocation of Harmony School to another Site Owned by John Cederlund

Mr. Greeley left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 7:30 pm.

Ms. Gray reported she attended the February 14 IDOT meeting along with Sean Foley, Darrell Moore and Peter Austin. She said IDOT is still offering to move the school and put in a new foundation. The property owner, Mr. Cederlund, who lives at Church and Route 120, is offering his property. Ms. Brown noted IDOT was working on a document for an agreement to make sure the building is maintained in perpetuity.

Ms Gray expressed her concerns because the State Historic Preservation Agency determined the school is an historic structure, and this would cause IDOT to do an 18 month study. She said If everything comes together, it would be considered a zero impact on the landmark, which means IDOT would not have to complete the study, thereby fast tracking the construction. Ms. Gray said if IDOT was forced to do the 18-month study, they may be forced into not putting the roundabout in and therefore, the school would not have to be moved.

Mr. Gervais noted that if the school is successfully moved, the Commission has to do a reapplication because the landmark is based on a specific legal description of the property.

Mr. Phillips said If IDOT is trying to get around doing the study, and they can do that by moving the building, he feels that is what they should do. His concern is if IDOT does the 18-month study and finds the school does not meet the national standard for historic preservation, they can tear it down. Mr. Phillips noted that IDOT has made the effort to work with the Commission, and moving the school is the best alternative.

Mr. Greeley rejoined the meeting at 7:46.

B. Communication and Public Relations

No report.

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack reported that the next Joint Council meeting will be held at Main Beach in Crystal Lake on March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

- D. Special Programs
- E. Budget
- F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown stated that at the last Board meeting, they were still discussing Camp Algonquin. There have been no decisions as of yet. They have some restoration, construction and preservation projects. They are in the process of documenting the Kennedy weigh station.

G. Staff Report

Mr. Foley and the Commission discussed the website and the transferring of information from the old website to the County's website. Mr. Greeley does not want any of the detail on the old web site to be lost before it has to be renewed. Ms. Martin offered to help Mr. Foley with transferring the information.

This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting if the Commission has to approve an expenditure for renewing the old website.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Stelford to adjourn. All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA • MARCH 5, 2014

Public Meeting

Division of Transportation - Main Conference Room

8:15 AM

16111 Nelson Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Transportation Committee - Public Meeting - Feb 19, 2014 8:15 AM

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PRESENTATIONS

1. Tryon Grove Road Scenic Route Designation

5. RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Resolution Approving a Supplemental Engineering Agreement and Appropriating Funds for the County Line Road Bridge over the Kishwaukee River Project
- 2. Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement Supplement and Appropriating Funds for the Johnsburg Road Project
- 3. Resolution Appropriating Funds for Cartegraph Software License Renewal and Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2014
- 4. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Parts from Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. For Fiscal Year 2014
- 5. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Parts from Bonnell Industries for Fiscal Year 2014
- 6. Resolution Authorizing and Appropriating Funds for the Option Renewal in the Contract with Trees R Us, Inc. For Providing Emergency and On-Call Tree Maintenance Services
- 7. Resolution to Approve Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Group Agreement

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pavement Preservation Program for 2014

7. OLD BUSINESS

1. Nondedicated Subdivision Roads - No Update From Staff

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (AS NECESSARY)



Joint Council of Historic Groups Spring Meeting

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Where: Main Beach, Crystal Lake

300 Lakeshore Drive. (Between Dole Avenue

and the Dole Mansion)

Program:

 PowerPoint w/music on history of Main Beach and update on Crystal Lake Centennial, including "The Year Was 1914" program July 20 – Diana Kenney/ Mary Ott

• General information – Each group gives a short update of their activities and future programs.

Questions? Contact Kurt Begalka @ 815-923-2267 or Gloria Mack @ 815-363-1058.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MINUTES • APRIL 2, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Hunt, Greeley, Doornbosch, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford

ABSENT: Phillips, Gervais

Also present were Audrey Martin and Sean Foley; Planning and Development.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Motion by Ms. Gray, seconded by Ms. Mack to change the order of the agenda by moving Introduction of Guests to the top of the agenda.

All members voted aye, motion passed.

Ms. Donna Schaefer of McHenry Township was present to discuss the Ostend Cemetery. The Township is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery. Ms. Schafer stated that the cemetery is in rough shape and needs some upgrading. They are concerned because there is development scheduled on three sides, and the cemetery does not have fencing. She explained that Route 120 is going to be widened, and Ms. Schaefer is concerned about safety. She said the fence would have a gate which would be closed but not locked.

Ms. Schaefer stated as far as the sign goes, they do not want to put up another wood sign, but a sign that would look like wood. She added she wants to duplicate the font so it looks exactly like the original sign, and if the sign cannot be done so it looks the original sign, they may not do anything until they find another option.

Ms. Brown said the State puts out a cemetery preservation book, and said she would be happy to forward that on to Ms. Schaefer along with a map.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gray noted a typo.

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Selpien to approve the amended minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting.

All members present voted aye with the exception of Ms. Doornbosch who abstained. Motion passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant Application Cycle for 2014 & Rural Intensive Survey Contract - Status

Mr. Foley stated that the grant was approved and we are waiting for the resolution to come back from the County Clerk, and then the County Board Chairman will sign that.

The Commission discussed who would be the point of contact regarding the grant. Mr. Foley said he understood that would come from the Commission instead of the College. After discussion, Ms. Gray volunteered to be the point of contact. She also thanked Ms. Doornbosch for her part in obtaining the grant.

B. Possible Expenditures for the Awards Program

Mr. Foley reported that they have not received any submissions. The Commission noted that the awards program has been publicized. Ms. Stelford said she was going to be dropping off an application. Ms. Brown stated she received a comment from someone about requiring the work to have been done in the last two years, and the suggestion was that having a longer time frame might be helpful.

It was noted there probably will not be any expenditures, but this will be kept as an agenda item, along with consideration of applicants.

C. Tryon Grove Scenic Road Application (Status & Plans)

Ms. Mack reported that she sent the Tryon Grove Scenic Road information to Laura Furmet of Spring Grove for the local history month brochure. Ms. Mack spoke to the nominator regarding changing the date for the dedication. The dedication and unveiling of the sign will be held on May 3rd at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Mack also confirmed that the County Highway Department ordered the signs, and they will be installed the Friday before the dedication. The signs will be covered until the ceremony begins. She also reminded Mr. Foley that the residents of Tryon Grove Road will need to be notified. There is a template letter than can be used.

D. Committees, Goals and Objectives

i. Budget

Mr. Greeley stated the goals for the budget, and they are attached to these minutes.

ii. Education

Ms. Doornbosch stated they discussed who would be the audience and how the Commission would educate them. She said if they need to educate people about the benefits of nominating their buildings for landmarking, the Commission needs to educate them on the benefits. She said most people view it as another layer of government.

The first audience would be the general public and residents of McHenry County. Ms. Doornbosch stated they need to know that the Commission exists. Secondly, they need to be made aware that having their house land-marked does not mean losing control of how the building interior looks. She said it would be helpful to have a list of what the Commission regulates, as well as what we do not regulate. It should be known that interiors are not regulated.

Another message the Education Committee wants to get across is that preservation is ecologically a viable option, and adaptive reuse should be considered before demolition. Contractors would also be a target audience.

The third audience would be grade school students and their teachers. Mr. Hunt said he could prepare lesson plans and these could be given to teachers in the County to incorporate local history in their curricula.

Ms. Doornbosch said historic buildings and houses can bring in tourists, and historic buildings and homes can bring in prospective business, but she is not sure how that would be accomplished.

Ms. Doornbosch noted she will rewrite her comments and format them into goals and objectives.

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Possible Expenditures for Renewal of Web Site / Domain Name Services

The Historic Preservation Commission's website is very close to being finished. All of the contents have been moved over from the old website. The Commission decided as a whole to let the current website expire in May.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley submitted his report in writing, and it is attached.

He discussed the approval of the Grant by the Planning and Development Committee. He attended the Richmond and Hebron Township meetings to discuss the Tryon Grove Road dedication ceremony. He also attended the Joint Council meeting on March 26 and spoke with Mr. Wiritz, who wanted to advice regarding ways to fund the Peterson Farm Foundation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

- Ms. Gray Submitted her report in writing and it is attached.
- Mr. Greeley left the room due to a conflict of interest at 8:11 p.m.

Ms. Gray submitted notes from past meetings including the Chicago's Preservation Alliance in Blue Island and the IDOT meeting where she had a photograph of the site that Mr. Cederlund is proposing to move Harmony School. She said she has not heard anything in regards to what the status is.

Mr. Greeley returned at 8:13 p.m

Ms. Gray reported on 417 Busse Rd. She filled out a FOIA for a copy of the wrecking permit. She called the owner, who did not call her back. She also called the wrecking company, and they told her they had nothing to do with the permit, and they were going to call the Department of Planning and Development and get their name off of the permit application.

She did end up talking to the owner, and they are scheduled to have a conversation tomorrow morning to discuss options. Ms. Gray went to the house and took pictures which, she handed to the Commission to review.

B. Communication and Public Relations

Previously discussed under committee goals and objectives; nothing further.

C. Municipal Liaisons

Previously discussed; nothing further.

D. Special Programs

No report.

E. Budget

This was discussed under Staff Report.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown stated that Mr. Foley forwarded information from the joint council regarding legislation being considered in Springfield. This legislation may result in additional funding for the camp Algonquin restoration.

There is a restoration work day at McConnell Farm on Saturday morning, and the first program at the Powers Walker House is from noon to four on Sunday. The program will be featuring a Civil War story of the sons that first lived in the house. One of them was killed during the Civil War. Ms. Brown said she has spoke to two descendent in California who sent her a picture and an entire set of letters he wrote to his wife, including one right before he died.

Ms. Selpien submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She reported that Jacob's High School's Green Eagles team is working again on a Victory Garden and are being supplied with seeds to start their greenhouse. They are applying for a grant offered by Seeds of Change. This grant is offered to any community or school garden.

Ms. Brown mentioned that Camp Algonquin received status of being placed on the states 10 most endangered sites by Landmarks Illinois.

G. Staff Report

Mr. Foley stated that the Commission spent \$13.00 for 2 commissioner name tags.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Mack to adjourn. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES • May 3, 2014

Tryon Grove Road Dedication Ceremony

At 12:30 the crowd gathered at the intersection of Tryon Grove and Greenwood Roads for the Tryon Grove Scenic Road Designation Ceremony. Gail Brown acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies. John Hammerand spoke on behalf of the County. The nominators and Mary Schultz talked about their memories of Tryon Grove Road. The sign was unveiled by John Hammerand. After the ceremony we walked to the Tryon Grove Farmstead for refreshments.

County officials in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sandquist, who traveled over 2 other Scenic Roads to attend. County Board members, John Hammerand and Nick Chirikos. Also Elizabeth Kessler director of MCCD was in attendance. Commissioners in attendance: Lynn Gray, Gloria Mack, and MCCD Liaison Gail Brown.

Thanks to Don and Felicia Englert for opening the Tryon Grove Farmstead for the Scenic Road refreshments; to John Hammerand for speaking; to Jeffrey Young of the McHenry County Department of Transportation; to Gloria Mack for organizing the event; and to Gail Brown for assisting with preparations and acting as Mistress of Ceremonies.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MINUTES • MAY 7, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Phillips (6:40 PM), Hunt, Greeley, Doornbosch, Gray, Mack, Selpien

ABSENT: Gervais, Stelford

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

1. Historic Preservation - Public Meeting - Apr 2, 2014 6:30 PM

Ms. Brown suggested amending the minutes to reflect the third paragraph under MCCD Liaison Report on page 4 of the minutes should be moved up to Special program.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Lynn Gray SECONDER: Laurie Selpien

AYES: Hunt, Greeley, Doornbosch, Gray, Mack, Selpien

ABSENT: Phillips, Gervais, Stelford

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Richard Cunningham was in attendance regarding the certificate of appropriateness for the Ormsby-Stark House roof renovations.

Pat Wiritz, James Johnson, Pat Schaefer and Greg Lophgren were present on behalf of the Peterson Farm Foundation.

Mr. Wiritz explained that they currently are or have been members of the City of McHenry Landmark Commission. There was a brief history of Peterson Farm Foundation and how the farm was acquired. He noted that the farm is used for meetings and events such as "A Day at the Farm" which are two day, 6 hour events annually. He explained that the City of McHenry performs routine maintenance and it is plaqued by the City of McHenry. He noted that the 1880's barn that is on 104 acres is beginning to fall apart and they do not want to lose it. They are looking for funding to repair the structure and to gain landmark status. They would like to open the structure as a museum once or twice monthly. described the many organizations that could use the property; girl scout and boy scout troops, gardening projects, 4H club and master gardeners. He mentioned the horse barn could be used for agricultural exhibits since some farm machinery was left. He also stated that he was interested in an archeological dig on the site. Ms. Mack suggested Vern Schiller's organization. Ms. Brown explained that he would need to be an intergovernmental agreement between the City of McHenry and McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission. She also noted that the IAAA (Illinois Association for Advancement of Archeology) could be contacted regarding the archeological dig. Ms. Gray felt that having a landmark status from the County and State would open more doors for funding. Ms. Selpien asked if they could handle more events and suggested they could promote eating locally and charge a vendor fee for vendors that usually attend local farmers markets to raise funds. This event could be three times; spring, summer and fall and would help spread the word. Ms. Brown provided a handout on different types of plaquing by the commission. Ms. Doornbosch suggested the website for cultural heritage. The group thanked the commission for their time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certificate of Appropriateness / Ormsby-Stark House Roof Renovations

Mr. Cunningham explained to the Commission that the cedar roof has deteriorated dramatically after this past winter. He mentioned the felt is what is keeping the house dry. He presented a slight change in the material that was proposed. The reason for the change was twofold; the material decreases fire risk and is more protective for the house. He brought samples of the roofing color and type. He noted that he would use the presidential type shingle in the cedar color. In addition, he also brought a cross section of a sample ridge vent that would mimic the cedar shake shingles. Ms. Brown stated that this is a common material and he is using top of line material. This helps preserve the house and allows for adaptive reuse and moves the house into the future. Mr. Cunningham said that there are some areas on the house without gutters causing water damage and drainage into the basement. He is proposing a half moon gutter of similar color and will have some of the old copper gutter brought to the front of the house. Mr. Greeley expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cunningham in keeping the house in style. Ms. Gray agreed and liked the idea of keeping the copper gutters and moving them up front.

1. **Motion:** to approve the proposed roofing materials and sign the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Ormsby-Stark House Roof Renovations

Mr. Foley will mail the signed Certificate of Appropriateness to Mr. Cunningham.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

B. Old Haligus School Landmark Application

Mr. Phillips submitted his report which is attached. He summarized his report and described the Old Haligus School as the last one room school house and it is quite impressive. The structure was gutted and they salvaged what they could. The structure was shored up and the mechanicals were updated. He noted that the oak floors were the original floors of the school. Each board was removed, sanded, refinished and placed back on the floor. Windows were replaced and are not the same size, but in the same location as the original windows. This building should be landmarked because it is the last one room school house still standing. He noted nationally it could not be recognized due to the kitchen and bathroom additions. He felt Ms. McGowen has gone to great expense to preserve this property without any outside funding. Tonight's vote would be to schedule a public hearing at the next regular meeting.

i. Report and Recommendation of Survey Committee

Pictures attached.

ii. Commission Vote for Further Action on Application

1. **Motion:** to nominate and hold a public hearing for the Old Haligus School Landmark at the next regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE

C. Comments / Actions on the Updated County HPC Website

Mr. Foley informed the Commission that all content from the offsite website has been moved to the County's HPC site and the commissioners have decided to the let the offsite web pages expire.

D. Possible Expenditures for Renewal of Web Site / Domain Name Services

None.

i. Extension of Services

None.

ii. Discontinuation of Services

Mr. Foley reported that the only possible expenditure was renewal of the web domain. Since all web content was moved to the County website, the offsite web pages will expire.

E. Possible Expenditures for Membership Dues in the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission

Ms. Mack mentioned she previously subscribed to "The Commissioner" and asked what the cost of the dues would be and what would be the advantage of the membership.

F. Possible Expenditures for Commissioners' Business Cards

Ms. Gray mentioned that many commissioners from other areas have business cards and she would like some printed. Ms. Brown mentioned that previously cards were printed by Planning & Development staff. It was decided that Planning & Development will print the cards if they have the setup. The cards should contain the Commissioner name and the Planning & Development contact information. Ms. Gray requested 50 cards.

G. "A Look at Local History Month" Proposals / Actions

Ms. Doornbosch said the program was presented. The Tryon Grove Road dedication was also part of Look at Local History Month.

H. Possible Resolution in Support of MCCD Illinois Senate Bills (Nos 3441 and 3442)

There was a brief discussion regarding the senate bills and was for informational purposes only. It was also noted that there was a correction in the number on the house bills and they should be Illinois Senate House Bills 3341 and 3342.

V. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant Application Cycle for 2014 and Rural Intensive Survey Contract with University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign - Status Update and Actions to be Taken Thereof

Mr. Foley explained that the funds have been encumbered and administrative details are being worked out regarding the Rural Intensive Survey with IHPA and UIUC.

Mr. Foley mentioned that he received an email regarding the June 3rd CLG meeting. Ms. Gray reported that she will be attending this meeting.

B. Awards Program

i. Determination of Winning Projects

The Education Committee brought nominations for its Excellence in Building Preservation Award to the full Commission. The Commission chose three winners and made a resolution recommending the restoration of the "firehouse" doors on the Woodstock Opera House building.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Philips to create a resolution on behalf of the Commission to recognize the City of Woodstock for its outstanding commitment of historic preservation of structures, specifically the "firehouse" doors on the Opera House.

Mr. Philips will prepare a cover letter to accompany the resolution. Mr. Foley will prepare resolution and obtain signatures.

1. **Motion:** by Ms. Doornbosch, seconded by Ms. Selpien to award the Excellence in Building Preservation Award to the Bauer Barn, Haligus School and Stanard Building.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

ii. Possible Expenditures for the Awards Program

Ms. Doornbosch suggested giving a plaque type award for each winner at a cost of approximately \$20 per plaque.

1. **Motion:** by Ms. Doornbosch, seconded by Ms. Gray to approve purchasing award plaques for the Excellence in Building Preservation Award not to exceed \$150.00.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

C. Tryon Grove Scenic Road (Dedication Ceremony)

Ms. Mack reported that Ms. Brown was the mistress of ceremonies. In attendance were Dennis Sandquist, John Hammerand, Nick Chirikos, Elizabeth Kessler, Lynn Gray and Gloria Mack.

D. Committees, Goals and Objectives

Ms. Doornbosch has enclosed the goals for the next few months in the packet.

i. Education (follow up)

No goals or objectives were submitted.

ii. Survey and Landmark

Ms. Gray submitted her goals and objectives which are attached.

She spoke of adding more landmarks of certain types within each township.

iii. Special Programs

No goals or objectives were submitted.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Greeley submitted his report and it is attached. Highlights of his report were meeting with Ms. McGowan regarding the Haligus Road School, discussion with Mr. Cunningham regarding the Ormsby House, the final walk through on the Sawyer Mill in Huntley. He also thanked Audrey Martin for informing the Commission of the celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the Ridgefield School hosted by the Jewish Congregation.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

Ms. Gray submitted her report in writing and it is attached.

She spoke of the Haligus School renovation and mentioned that she and Mr. Philips met with owners. Pictures of the school are attached.

She has been researching "I" houses in Illinois and has contacted Lisa DiChiera and Michael Lambert and sent 8-10 pictures and is waiting for their response.

She spoke to Bruce Johnson, a potential owner of a house in Trout Valley, contacted her regarding the purchase of an 1890 Tudor style home and having it landmarked and her knowledge of historical renovation grants.

B. Communication and Public Relations

Ms. Stelford was unable to attend the meeting. She submitted her report in writing and it was forwarded to the Commission and attached to these minutes.

C. Municipal Liaisons

D. Special Programs

Ms. Selpien reported that they have 1/3 of the food pantry garden and also 1/3 of the water treatment garden planted.

E. Budget

Previously discussed.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown announced the upcoming program at the Powers Walkup House.

G. Staff Report

Mr. Foley explained that the grant funds for the rural intensive survey were encumbered in the budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Philips, seconded by Ms. Selpien

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • JUNE 4, 2014

Landmark Designation Hearing

P & D Conference Room

6:35 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

1. CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Ms. Gray, seconded by Ms. Mack to open the public hearing. All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

The hearing began at 6:46 p.m.

PRESENT: Phillips, Greeley, Doornbosch, Gervais, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford, Brown

ABSENT: Hunt

2. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Review of Historical Significance (Merits) of the Proposed Landmark

The Survey and Landmark Committee previously reviewed the application.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

This was previously done during roll call.

4. COMMENTS FROM NOMINATOR / MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Diane McGowan gave a summary to the Commission regarding the property and its historic value. She began restoring the house in 2012, while preserving as many of the original parts as possible. The original floor boards are there, and she has obtained a period water bucket and a sled. This is also the last one-room schoolhouse standing in Grafton Township.

They are still working on preserving the exterior and she thinks it is important to landmark the school.

5. QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Ms. Brown noted that the landmark applies to the site, so the trees are included.

Mr. Foley asked about the foundation. Ms. McGowan stated it was fieldstone.

Mr. Gervais inquired about the windows. Ms. McGowan stated putting in the original windows would have cost a lot of money. He also asked if the school just had one door. Ms. McGowan stated the original school did have only one door, but now it would be a fire hazard. Ms. McGowan noted the windows were tall, and the children could have escaped from the windows if they had to. The second door was put in the 1920s.

6. RELATIVE CRITERIA READ INTO RECORD

The Commissioners reviewed the criteria for landmarking. Mr. Gervais stated the school looks like it has some modern soffit and gutters, but he applauds Ms. McGowan's effort and said every one-room school house should be preserved. It was noted there is a sun room that was added and he said he hopes when they remove the addition, they go back to more original designs as far as the gutters and soffit, as well as the windows.

Mr. Phillips pointed out that the owners wanted the building plaqued because they are not going to be around forever, and they are trying to save a piece of history. He said it is not so much what it looks like, but that it is an school house and they are hoping someone will pick up the pieces when they are gone. He agrees there are issues with the building that need to be restored, but it is the last one-room school house in the Township, and he thinks it qualifies as what the Commission would consider historic.

The relative criteria was read into the record as written. The school meets at least five of the criteria for landmarking.

7. OPEN VOTING MEETING/CALL FOR MOTION

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Gray to open the voting portion of the meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Mack to recommend the Haligus School for landmarking to the County Board.

All members present voted aye by a roll call vote. Motion passed.

8. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Phillips to close the public hearing. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Gray to close the pubic hearing. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:48 pm.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • JUNE 4, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM
667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion: Approve the minutes of May 3, 2014

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

Motion: Approve the minutes of May 7, 2014

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

3. documents

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Excellence in Building Preservation Awards

Mr. Greeley presented the awards for Excellence in Building Preservation. The awards were given to Donald Bauer, Michael and Jolene Standard and Diane McGowan.

The winners were handed an award plaque and then they each gave a speech.

B. Old Haligus School Public Hearing

V. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant Application Cycle for 2014 & Rural Intensive Survey contract with the U Of I - Status Update and Actions to be Taken Thereof

Ms. Gray Lynn attended a workshop in Springfield regarding the grant process. She said the workshop included information on applying for grants as well as the paperwork someone would need to apply for a grant. She said she learned that you can apply for as many grants as you want with no limit on how many you can receive.

The Commission discussed being able to have historic properties recorded with the Recorder of Deeds, so if someone is planning on buying a property, they will know up front that they are buying something that is a land-marked property. The landmark is established by Ordinance, so it was decided to check into recording the Ordinances.

Ms. Gray said she will meet with Ms. Phyllis Walters at the Recorder of Deeds. This topic will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Regarding the grant for the rural survey, Mr. Foley stated he has sent one report to IHPA and has not heard anything from the consultants as to when they are going to begin the survey, but that they are going to be working on the timeline and how they are going to proceed.

B. Committees, Goals & Objectives

i. Survey and Landmark (follow-up)

This was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Review of Business Cards (drafts)

The Commissioner's reviewed the draft business cards, made their changes and gave them to Ms. Martin for printing. Ms. Martin will have them completed before the next Commission meeting.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley stated he spoke to Mr. Richard Cunningham regarding his certificate of appropriateness for the Ormsby-Stark House, which has been issued to him by staff.

Cynthia Wolf, a freelance reporter, contacted Mr. Greeley regarding Don Bauer. She is interested in doing a story on his barn rehab.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey & Landmark

Ms Brown submitted pictures from the Tryon Grove Scenic Road Ceremony. Those pictures are attached to these minutes.

B. Communication & Public Relations

No report.

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack submitted her report in writing and it is attached. She reported on her survey of the scenic roads, and she presentation a Civil War program to students at the Montini School on the Civil War.

D. Special Programs

Ms. Selpien submitted her goals and objectives.

E. Budget

No report.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Mr. Brown reported that there will be an Ice cream social this Sunday, June 8th at the Powers Walker House from noon to four. She also asked Mr. Foley for copies of the Tryon Grove Ceremony pictures that were taken by Dennis Sandquist.

G. Staff Report

It was requested that the Commissioners submit their reports to Ms. Martin at least a week before the next meeting so that they can be included in the agenda for proper notification.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Lynn Gray, seconded by Mr. Phillips. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • JULY 2, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

1. Historic Preservation - Public Meeting - Jun 4, 2014 6:30 PM

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Doornbosch to approve the minutes of the June 4,th HPC meeting.

RESULT: ACCEPTED BY VOICE

2. Historic Preservation - Landmark Designation Hearing - Jun 4, 2014 6:35 PM

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Selpien to approve the minutes of the June 4th public hearing.

RESULT: ACCEPTED BY VOICE

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposed Recording of Landmark Ordinances with Deeds for Landmark Protection

The consensus of the Commission was to table this discussion since Ms. Gray was not in attendance.

V. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant & Rural Intensive Survey

The consensus of the Commission was to table this discussion because Ms. Gray was absent.

B. Committees, Goals & Objectives

i. Survey & Landmark Commitee

No report. The consensus of the Commission was to table this discussion since Commission members on the Landmark Committee were not in attendance.

C. Business Cards

Ms. Martin told the Commission that the business cards will be distributed at the August meeting.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley reported that he participated in the Historical Society sponsored Civil War era Baseball game at the Prairie Grove Village Hall on June 22 between the McHenry County Independents and Lake County. He said the players were dressed in old time uniforms, and the Lake County team won by a score of 16 to 6.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

No report.

B. Communication & Public Relations

No report.

C. Municipal Liaisons

No report.

D. Special Programs

Ms. Selpien reported that on July 1st gardeners, Trudi Temple and Roy Diblik toured the food pantry garden. Ms. Selpien said they were very impressed and she was very proud to have them there.

There was 292 pounds of food distributed so far this year, mostly greens such as lettuce and kale.

Starting July 16, the Northwest Herald is going to have voting for the best gardens in McHenry County . Ms. Selpien is going to enter the food pantry garden and said voting will be going on from July 16 through July 30th.

E. Budget

The only change in the budget was the expenditure for the awards for the rehabilitation project contest.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown reported that the Power Walkers House hosted an ice cream social last month and almost 300 people attended.

On 20th of July, the House will be featuring the World War 1 era for the Miller family that resided in the house at that time.

Ms. Brown stated there was a late 1830's house in Algonquin Township that was dismantled several years ago, and the beams were being stored at the Conservation District, but the historical society owns the beams. The house in on Spring Green Road. She said they found a VCR tape and are in the process of converting all of the slide archives to digital.

Ms. Brown told the Commissioners that if anyone would like a tour of the Powers Walker House or the McConnell farmstead, she can provide that.

G. Staff Report

Mr. Foley reported that he updated the website.

He also mentioned that he receives requests for historic review when a cell tower is being installed. The purpose is to see if a cell tower is going to affect an historic landmark. Mr. Foley said he is putting together a list of the requests that he receives.

Ms. Brown wanted to thank Mr. Sandquist for the excellent pictures he took at the Tryon Grove Scenic Road Ceremony. They were very much appreciated

Mr. Foley stated that he is receiving monthly reports from UIUC regarding the rural survey. They are working on a timeline for the survey, and once that is done, Mr. Foley will report back to the Commission.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Doornbosch, seconded by Ms. Stelford to adjourn. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • AUGUST 6, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. PRESENT: Phillips, Hunt, Greeley, Doornbosch, Gervais, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford ABSENT:

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the July 2, 2014 minutes of the Historical Preservation Commission.

All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

1. Motion:

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Budget Status and Setting Priorities

Mr. Foley explained that the Planning Department is looking to move some money around in the budget so the Commission has money for other things such as the bronze plaque for the Haligus School and the two photo display plates. He said he does not have all of the information at this time.

This issue will be placed on the agenda for next month.

B. Review of Landmark Photo Display (2) Plates and possible expenditure related thereto

Motion by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the proofs for the photos that will be displayed on the wall in the Administration Building.

All voting members voted aye, Motion passed.

C. Old Haligus School Landmark Review status and Actions to be Taken Therewith

Mr. Foley stated this will be placed on the September 2nd County Board agenda for approval.

D. Demoliton by Neglect Proposal for Discussion (Doornbosch)

Ms. Doornbosch presented information on a demolition by neglect Ordinance. She said the ordinance does not prevent demolition, but it allows for review of the proposed demolition to access the building's historical significance.

She said it could be adopted as an amendment to a building code, implemented as a stand-alone ordinance or as a by-law in an existing historic preservation zoning ordinance.

After discussion, the Commission asked Mr. Foley to get information on the number of demolition permits issued by the County in the past couple of years.

V. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Woodstock Historical Preservation Recognition Resolution

Mr. Phillips presented the resolution to the Commission with revisions based on comments made at the last meeting. After some minor changes suggested by the Commission, the following motion was made:

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Gray to approve the resolution for recognition of the City of Woodstock efforts in Historic preservation.

All voting members voted ave, motion passed.

B. Proposed Recording of Landmark Ordinances with Deeds for Landmark Protection (Gray)

Ms. Gray said she contacted sources to see what other Counties are accepting. She also contacted Phyllis Walters, the McHenry County Recorder of Deeds, who asked Ms. Gray to put information together so she could review it and discuss it with Council. She will notify Ms. Gray once that is completed to set up a meeting.

Ms. Gray presented samples of both recording of a single landmark and also recording of an historic district Ordinance. She said they are recording the Ordinance that designates the landmark. Once it is recorded, it will turn up in a title search. When the property is transferred, the deed may state on it, subject to, and list the recording document number of the ordinance.

Mr. Greeley recommended amending the bylaws to include this in the process. This will be included on the agenda for next month.

C. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant and Rural Intensive Survey - Status Update and Actions to be taken Therewith (Greeley, Foley)

Mr. Foley stated he receives a report every month from the consultants stating what they have done over the past month. Mr. Foley then summarizes that in a report. He included correspondence from May, and he will include those reports in the minutes going forward.

The Commissioner's stated they would like to see a little more of what the consultants are doing. Mr. Foley said he would relay that information.

D. Committees, Goals and Objectives

i. Survey and Landmark Committee (follow-up)

Ms. Gray said she would like to see each township have a landmark. Of those landmarks, she would like to see a diversity in the type of landmarks. She added that it would be good to have more than one witness tree.

Ms. Brown said there are several trees in the County, but it takes time to drive around and track them down. She also asked Mr. Foley to find and update the historical landmark map in the conference room.

E. Review of Business Cards (Martin)

Ms. Martin distributed the business cards to the Commissioners.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley reported that he voted often for the victory garden that Ms. Selpien is running, and he signed the resolution for the Haligus Road School. Ms. Selpien stated that her garden lost, but it was very close.

Mr. Greeley added that he will be participating in a rematch of the Civil War era baseball game with the Historical Society on August 23 at 4:00 in Grayslake.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

Previously discussed.

B. Communication & Public Relations

No report.

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack was very happy to report that the McHenry County Conservation District has decided to landmark the Powers-Walkers historic site.

D. Special Programs

E. Budget

Previously discussed.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown noted that the news that Ms. Mack reported on that MCCD is willing the plaque the Powers-Walker house is outstanding. Ms. Brown stated there was over 20,000 hours of volunteer work, and it was a Commission sponsored restoration project 1996. The Commission adopted a resolution in support of it and it is a wonderful thing that the decision came through.

The application will be discussed at the next regular MCCD Board meeting on the third Thursday of the month.

There will be a World War 2 program at the Powers Walker House on the 17th honoring the families that used to live there, and the McConnell Farmstead has workdays twice a month. The next two are on the 23rd at 9:30, and on the 29th at 2:00. Volunteers are welcome.

The archives at the research library at the Visitors Center have been expanding. They have scanned over 16,0000 slides, and they have also increased the historic library.

G. Staff Report

Previously discussed.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Greeley, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford, Brown

ABSENT: Phillips, Hunt, Doornbosch, Gervais

Also present were Darrell Moore and Audrey Martin

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Gray to approve the meeting minutes of August 6th. All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

1. Motion:

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

III. RURAL SURVEY MONTLY REPORTS

The reports for the last three months were included in the packet. Mr. Moore stated the survey has begun. He said he received a call from a concerned citizen asking why people were on their property. Mr. Moore said they put a letter together for the surveyors so they have some credentials to show the homeowners.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests were present.

V. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Old Haligus School Landmark Ordinance Status 09.02 and Actions to be Taken Therewith

Mr. Moore stated the County Board adopted the Ordinance at their meeting yesterday. Ms. Mack stated she will work with Ms. Stelford on the program for the landmark dedication ceremony which is scheduled to be on September 20th at 1:00.

Mr. Moore said he will check on the status for ordering the plaque.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Gray to approve the expenditure of the plaque for the Old Haligus School, not to exceed \$300.00.

All voting members voted age on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

B. Powers-Walker House Landmark Designation Application (for Acceptance)

Ms. Mack said the packet included a copy of the application and the approval from the County Conservation District to landmark the house. Ms. Brown stated they have waited 19 years for this. At one time it was within 2 weeks of being demolished.

Ms. Brown said the procedure going forward is that it will now go to the Survey Committee. The Commission tentatively scheduled going out to tour the site on September 9. At the next meeting, the Survey Committee will give a recommendation on whether this should move forward. If it is approved, a public hearing will be scheduled at the next meeting. The Commission is hoping to have the dedication next May during Historic Preservation Month, if not earlier.

It was noted that the service road is excluded as non-contributing.

C. McHenry County Historical Society - Joint Council of Historic Groups Member Questionnaire and HPC Response(s)

The Commission worked together and filled out the questionnaire.

Mr. Greeley will send the form back to the Joint Council.

D. Joint Council Meeting at Turner Camp (2014.09.27)

Everyone received the flyer for the meeting at Turner Camp.

E. Recordation of Landmark Ordinances - Report on Meeting with Phyllis Walters (Gray)

Ms. Gray stated she went to the Recorder's Office to see if Ms. Walters had time to look over the packet. Ms. Walters was not in, but Ms. Gray left a message. She has not heard back from her as of yet.

F. Bylaws Revisions (Related to Recordation of Landmark Ordinances)

It was noted that the bylaws do not have to be changed. This has been in the Ordinance all along under Article 3 section 10.

VI. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant and Rural Intensive Survey - Status Update and Actions to be Taken Therewith (Greeley, Foley)

i. Contract Update

This was discussed under Rural Survey Monthly Reports.

ii. Survey Update

Previously discussed.

B. Committees, Goals and Objectives

i. Survey and Landmark Committee (follow up from August)

Ms. Gray said she revised her objectives and goals to include the coordination of the landmark process. Ms. Brown said she would work with Ms. Gray to work on the landmark map because it should be updated.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley reported that he went to the Powers-Walker House with his family when they had the World War 2 era celebration. He also participated in the 1800 era baseball game which they won.

He said he was chosen as one of the Best Under 40 people of McHenry County. The ceremony will be held October 1st.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

Ms. Gray said she was getting information on the Kennedy Way Station for Ms. Doornbosch who was interested if any of the recorded plats showed a stage line. Ms. Brown stated that the stage line was Route 14 which was a former Indian trail.

Ms. Gray said she went to the Recorder's Office and was referred to Ernest Varga, from MCDOT, who has been sending Ms. Gray information on early roads.

B. Communication & Public Relations

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack said she will be contacting the municipalities with whom the Commission has an intergovernmental agreement to thank them for their cooperation. She added she would like to suggest some sites to them that they might be interested in landmarking.

D. Special Programs

Ms. Selpien stated on Sunday, September 14th from one to four there will be an open house and garden tours at the Lake in the Hills Food Pantry.

E. Budget

No report.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown reported that the Powers-Walker House had a successful program last month, and on September 13, there will be an archeological awareness program. There will be archeologist on site. From noon to four.

There will be two work days at the McConnell Farmstead, one on September 6th and one on the 25th.

G. Staff Report

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Brown stated Planning and Development received an inquiry today from a homeowner regarding a barn on the their property in Seneca Township. The owners wanted to know how old the barn was. They had an evaluation from the former president of the Barn Association, who said the barn dated back to the 1940s.

Ms. Brown said she will give them a call, but she is not sure it would be worth it to save the barn because replacing the roof can be very costly.

Ms. Stelford reported, on behalf of Ms. Doornbosch, that the Commission can have a tour of the old courthouse on the Woodstock Square at the December meeting.

Ms. Stelford said she needs four more barns to photograph for the Commission's calendar. The Commission discussed potential barns for Ms. Stelford.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Selpien to adjourn. All voting members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • OCTOBER 1, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms . Selpien called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Commissioners present: Shawn Phillips, Eric Hunt, Lynn Gray, Gloria Mack, Laurie Stelford and Gail Brown- MCCD Liaison.

Commissioners absent: David Gervais, Steve Greeley and Patricia Doornbosch

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

A. Minutes of September 3, 2014

1. Motion: Approve the draft minutes of September 3, 2014

After some minor corrections were noted, there was a motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Ms. Mack to approve the minutes as amended.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests.

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Reappointment Consideration of Commissioner Mack

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Mr. Phillips to recommend Ms. Gloria Mack for the reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

B. Powers–Walker House Landmark designation application (for Survey & Landmark Committee recommendation and further action)

Mr. Phillips submitted his initial report. The Commission reviewed the document and made some changes. Those changes will be made prior to the pubic hearing.

Motion by Ms. Stelford, seconded by Mr. Hunt to accept the report as amended and forward the application to a public hearing to be held at the next Commission meeting. All voting members present voted ave. Motion passed.

C. Demolition by neglect proposal (Doornbosch)

Mr. Foley reported that there have been 12 demolition permits applied for this year.

D. Barn calendar (2015) order, barn picture presentation for the calendar, and possible expenditures related thereto (Stelford)

Ms. Selpien presented a variety of pictures for the commission to review. Ms. Gray presented additional photos. The Commission then chose pictures for the calendar.

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Hunt to approve the expenditure for the printing of the barn desk calendars, not to exceed \$500.

The motion was passed on a roll call vote.

E. Walk-through of library and file locations (Foley)

Mr. Foley walked the Commission through the department pointing out the locations of all the historic preservation files.

F. GIS Landmark/Scenic Road Map Status

The Commission reviewed a draft update of the scenic road map. The Commission requested to have the potential landmarks removed from the map.

Mr. Foley will supply a copy of the map for all of the Commissioners.

V. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Recordation of landmark ordinances and report on meeting with Phyllis Walters (Gray)

Ms. Gray reported that Ms. Walters had not yet contacted her. Ms. Gray sent Ms. Walters an e-mail and attached a copy of the Preservation Ordinance pointing out that the recording of landmarks is already a part of the Ordinance. She also stated the procedure for recording landmarks is spelled out in the Ordinance. It was noted that the none of the previous landmarks have been recorded.

B. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant and Rural Intensive Survey status update and actions to be taken therewith (Greeley, Foley)

i. Contract update

ii. Survey update

Mr. Foley distributed a letter (attached) he sent to Amy Hathaway at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency describing the progress report for the rural survey.

C. Committees, Goals and Objectives

i. Survey and Landmark Committee (follow-up from September)

Ms. Gray said she reported on this last month. She is currently concentrating on the recordation of landmark ordinances.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Attached.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

B. Communication & Public Relations

No report.

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack stated she sent thank you notes to the Bob Frenz and the Huntley 167 Boy Scouts for their participation in the Haligus School landmark dedication.

D. Special Programs

No report.

E. Budget

The Commission reviewed the budget. There have been no expenditures in the past month.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown reported that the Twilight Program is on October 9th at the Powers Walker House, and November 9th is the fall harvest program from noon to four.

G. Staff Report

Mr. Foley submitted his report in writing, and it is attached.

i. Section 106 Notices

ii. Haligus School Plague / Landmark Photos

The plaque has been ordered.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Stelford would like everyone to attend the meeting next week so she can take a picture of the Commission for the barn calendar.

For the December meeting, she asked the Commission if they could begin their meeting at 6:00 p.m. Instead of the regular 6:30 p.m. meeting because Nancy Baker, who will be running the tour of the old Woodstock Courthouse, has a class she has to attend later in the evening. The Commission would meet at the courthouse and after the tour, have their annual dinner on the Woodstock Square.

Motion by Ms. Stelford to change the start time of the December Historic Preservation Commission to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the tour of the old courthouse in Woodstock.

All voting members voted aye, motion passed.

Mr. Phillips stated he will be starting a new job soon and it may be a little more demanding on his time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Gray to adjourn.

All voting members voted aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • NOVEMBER 5, 2014

Public Meeting P & D Conference Room 6:30 PM

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Phillips, Hunt, Greeley, Gervais, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford, Brown

ABSENT:

Sean Foley and Audrey Martin were also present.

II. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

- 1. Attachments
- 2. **Motion:** approve the draft minutes of the oct 1st meeting.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Gray to approve the draft minutes of the October 1st, 2014 McHenry County Historical Preservation meeting. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Greeley abstained.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Guests present: Elizabeth Kessler, MCCD and Susan Kotomski, McHenry Landmark Commission.

IV. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

V. POWERS-WALKER HOUSE LANDMARK PUBLIC HEARING (SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Phillips to open the public hearing. All voting members voted aye. (See separate minutes)

VI. PROPOSAL TO PRESERVE PLUM TREE ROAD AS A SCENIC/HERITAGE CORRIDOR ROAD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BARRINGTON AREA CONSERVATION TRUST.

Mr. Greeley met with Lisa Woolford of the Barrington Area Conservation Trust to support their effort to reach an agreement for a scenic easement on Plum Tree Road to prohibit any modifications to the right of way area by the Village of Barrington Hills.

Mr. Greeley said Ms. Woolford would like to meet with the Commission at the January meeting.

He also spoke with Ms. Kotowski, who is in attendance tonight, about her desire to volunteer with the Commission.

VII. PROPOSED 2015 MEETING DATES

The Commission agreed to keep the meeting dates as is. They requested that the meetings be held in a County Board conference room as opposed to the Planning and Development conference room. Ms. Martin will check into this for them.

VIII. NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION (DUES PAYMENT REQUEST).

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Stelford to approve the expense of \$30 for the National Trust for Historic Preservation dues.

All voting members present voted age on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

IX. ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY (PREPERATIONS SHOULD BEGIN)

Mr. Foley said he wanted to remind the Commission to start thinking about the annual report. The reports are due 30-60 days by the end of fiscal year.

X. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Recordation of landmark ordinances and report on meeting with Phyllis Walters (Gray)

Ms. Gray stated that she did not meet with Ms. Walters, but did receive an e-mail with an opinion from the State's Attorney. The Commission agreed that Ms. Walters and the State's Attorney did not know that the recordation was already in the Ordinance.

A copy of the Ordinance will be sent to Ms. Walters.

Mr. Phillips left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Greeley stated that he will contract the State's Attorney who wrote the opinion.

B. Certified Local Government / IHPA Grant and Rural Intensive Survey — status update and actions to be taken therewith (Greeley, Foley)

i. Contract update

Mr. Foley stated he has not received a letter from UIUC, but there is a revised contact so he sent the State's Attorneys opinion regarding the contract.

Mr. Gervais stated he would like to see the existing contract and changes.

It was decided to invite the people who are doing the survey to the meeting in January.

ii. Survey update

Previously discussed.

C. Barn calendar (2015) Commission group picture (Stelford)

Ms. Stelford distributed a calendar to each Commission member. She stated the cost was only \$268.00 because of the coupon.

D. Demolition by neglect proposal (Doornbosch)

No report.

Mr. Greeley reported that Ms. Doornbosch sent in her resignation.

The Commission will publish a legal notice of one Commissioner position opening. The application deadline will follow two weeks from publication.

XI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Greeley reported that he attended the Northwest Herald Under 40 award ceremony where he spoke to a group of around 200 of the County's business leaders about the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Survey and Landmark

Ms. Gray attended the Landmarks Illinois Seminar in Wilmette. She said she would like to explore what incentives are available to historic property owners, and to educate the public on what is available.

She is also interested in exploring future grant opportunities.

Ms. Brown discussed the landmark map distribution copies. She said the Commission needs to revisit the potential landmarks. She noted the Allendale Bridge should be marked as rescinded.

The Survey Committee will review the map to verify each of the landmarks and report their findings at the January 2015 meeting.

B. Communication & Public Relations

No report.

C. Municipal Liaisons

Ms. Mack stated she contacted Mr. Boden, City of Marengo, regarding an intergovernmental agreement. She would like to set up a meeting. Mr. Greeley said he would be happy to go with her.

D. Special Programs

No report.

E. Budget

The Commission will have the same budget as they have in the past.

F. MCCD Liaison Report

Ms. Brown reported that on Sunday from noon to four, the Powers-Walker House will be open for the Harvest Program.

G. Staff Report

No report.

i. Section 106 Notices

Ms. Brown provided documentation regarding a proposed cell tower on Winn Road near Richmond.

The Commission determined that it would not adversely impact historic resources in the vicinity.

ii. Landmark Map distribution copies

This was discussed under the Survey and Landmark Report.

iii. Miscellaneous

It was noted that Mr. Greeley's term for chairman is going to be expiring, and the Commission should be looking to nominate another Commission member.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Foley presented the Haligus School plaque. Ms. Mack will present the plaque to Ms. McGowan. He also showed the Commission pictures for the landmark display wall in the Administration Building. Ms. Brown took the pictures and will frame them.

The Commission would like to invite Ms. Doornbosch to the December meeting. Ms. Martin will e-mail her an invitation.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • NOVEMBER 5, 2014

Landmark Designation Hearing County Board Conference Room

6:35 PM

667 Ware Rd, Administration Building, Woodstock, IL 60098

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Phillips to open the public hearing. All voting members present voted aye. Motion passed.

PRESENT: Phillips, Hunt, Greeley, Gervais, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford

Mr. Greeley opened the public meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Also present were Gail Brown, MCCD Liaison, Sean Foley and Audrey Martin, staff.

2. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Review of Historical Significance (Merits) of the Proposed Powers-Walker Historic Site Landmark:

Mr. Phillips read the Powers Walker initial report into the record. Ms. Brown brought an additional information sheet, and she read that to the Commission.

3. COMMENTS FROM NOMINATOR / MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Elizabeth Kessler, executive Director of the McHenry Conservation District, (MCCD) said on behalf of the Board, she wanted to acknowledge the Commission's work to landmark the Powers-Walker historic site. She said this landmark has been a long time coming. She also thanked Ms. Mack and Ms. Brown individually for all they have done on this project.

She said there are more MCCD historically significant sites, and in time they hope to bring those to the Commission.

4. QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There was a discussion regarding the roadway to the house. Mr. Gervais asked if the road was altered, would that impact the designation.

Ms. Brown stated the application reads that the major gravel road and adjoining parking that bisects the property from north to south are "non-contributing" aspects of the property in terms of historic relevance.

5. RELATIVE CRITERIA READ INTO RECORD

Ms. Gray read the relative criteria into the record. These will be enumerated in the findings report.

6. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Gray to close the public hearing. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

7. OPEN VOTING MEETING/CALL FOR MOTION

Motion by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Hunt to open the voting meeting. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the Powers-Walker Historic Site application and to designate the Powers-Walker Historic Site as a McHenry County landmark.

Mr. Gervais said it is a unique opportunity to work with the Conservation District to preserve the history of McHenry County. He said this is a landmark on its own. It is well known to so many people and it is a visible site.

Ms. Gray said being someone that has traced her ancestry and has revisited pioneer homesteads that no longer exist, the fact that this building still does exist is priceless.

Ms. Brown said she appreciates everyone's comments. She emphasized the connection of the house and barn location on the original site nestled between the spring and the leading edge of the oak timber. It is part of the story on how early pioneers interacted with the land.

The motion was approved on a roll call vote. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Selpien to close the voting portion of the hearing. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MINUTES • DECEMBER 3, 2014

Public Meeting Old McHenry County Courthouse

6:00 PM

101 N. Johnson St., Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Phillips, Hunt, Greeley, Gervais, Gray, Mack, Selpien, Stelford, Brown ABSENT:

II. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

A. Tour of Old McHenry County Courthouse

Nancy Baker conducted a tour of the old McHenry County Courthouse.

B. Annual Dinner

Mr. Greeley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Ms. Mack to suspend all business until the next Historic Preservation Meeting on January 7, 2015.

All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Survey and Landmark
- B. Communication & Public Relations
- C. Municipal Liaisons
- D. Special Programs
- E. Budget
- F. MCCD Liaison Report
- G. Staff Report

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Gervais to adjourn. All voting members voted aye. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.