

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
January 7, 2019

Members Present: Patricia Wagner (Chairman), John Adams, Shari Ebert, Mardene Hinton, Jane Johnson, Terry Johnston, Steve DePasquale and Ron Shank.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler, Lynn Ahlden and Desiree Denoyer

Members Absent:

Michael Donahue

Quorum met.

Ms. Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from December 2, 2018, with corrections if necessary was made by Ms. Hinton and seconded by Ms. Ebert. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Ms. Sadler stated that work on the website has been completely updated. The County Preservation Plan and the Survey of Pilot Township have been put on the website and Ms. Sadler will compose an introduction for these documents to put them in context. She will bring the text to the next meeting for approval. The intergovernmental agreement with Momence has been approved by the PZA and the County Board so it is finalized. Ms. Sadler will provide the commissioners with the Rules of Procedure at the next meeting.

It was announced that a budget of \$2000 has been approved for KCHPC. Mr. DePasquale suggested that a formal thank you letter be sent to the County Board president. Pat Wagner will write the letter.

CLG Grant:

- Pilot Township Survey final copies were passed out to commissioners and Ms. Wagner delegated who would deliver other copies as per her list. Ms. Sadler is working on the final report for the Community Foundation Grant.
- CAMP Training for commissioners (Ms. Johnson, Ms. Ebert and Mr. DePasquale) is being planned for May 11, 2019. The next step is to prepare a list to invite neighboring commissions or future commissioners. Ms. Johnson will work on this.
- The commission is considering Momence Township for the next survey and Ms. Hinton spoke to Ken Itle about including the part of the City of Momence that is in that township. His recommendation was to do both but to take two CLG grant periods to complete the total project.
- The Commission brochures were printed. They will be distributed along with copies of the Pilot Township Surveys.

Committee Reports:

- Architectural Review: The committee met at 3 PM today in the Planning Conference Room to review the Landmark Nomination form for the Paddock House. After some discussion, Ms. Hinton made a motion to approve the nomination and proceed to the public hearing. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Hinton will communicate with the owner and help her prepare a presentation for the public hearing. The Rodney Schwark farm is on hold. The Wadleigh Farmstead is still working on the Landmark Nomination form. It was also discussed that the Rosenboom Farm is not interested in Landmarking. The Longpre House in Momence has submitted a pre-qualification form and the committee has recommended it be nominated under Criteria B only. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Ebert to approve this property to proceed to the full Landmark Nomination form. Motion carried. The Foerster House went before the County Board on December 11 for the final step to become a County Landmark. Ms. Sadler has now received the Resolution and will send the owners a letter and information on the plaque.

Ms. Hinton invited Desiree Denoyer to attend the commission meeting. Ms. Hinton and Ms. Denoyer presented information on Sears Homes and together they will form a new sub-committee as part of the Architectural Review Committee, to research, collaborate and document Sears Homes at the county level. This collaboration could lead to more Landmark nominations, programs or even surveys involving the KCHPC.

- Education/Program: This committee will check on ways to use the power point program going forward in promoting the work of the commission.

Old Business:

- Preserve America Program – still in the works.
- Village of Herscher Meeting – still on hold.
- Lawyer for Commission—Ms. Ebert will contact Dawn Cunningham.

New Business:

- The commission is considering working on an intergovernmental agreement with Aroma Park.
- Landscaping for Courthouse – Landscape Architecture sub-committee formed – Ms. Hinton and Mr. Johnston. This sub-committee will be part of the Architectural Review Committee and they will work with Landscape Architects for Courthouse (Planning stages, possible CLG grant).
- Agritourism Planning – at this time it does not seem that these meetings have much to do with Preservation work or historic properties.

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 4, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment:

Ms. Hinton made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Johnson, Secretary