

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
February 9, 2018

Members Present: Mardene Hinton (chairman), John Adams, Shari Ebert, Jane Johnson and Patricia Wagner

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler and Aaron & Catherine Langlois

Members Absent:

Michael Donahue, Terry Johnston, Steve DePasquale and Ron Shank

Quorum met.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes for December 4, 2017 and January 8, 2018 with corrections was made by Ms. Ebert and seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Ms. Sadler sent out letters to Landmarked properties regarding the plaque program and received some responses. The Letourneau Home wishes to order a plaque but still needs to complete the installation agreement and make payment. The Durham-Perry Farmstead is interested and will address this at their Board meeting.

CLG Grant:

- Intergovernmental Agreement: the Agreement is in process with Mayor Ray Schneider, Village of Herscher.
- The Pilot Township Survey will begin with a training session that is scheduled for February 24, 2018 with Ken Itle and commissioner's Ms. Hinton, Mr. Shank and Ms. Wagner.
- Still waiting for a response regarding CAMP program to work on the 2018 CLG Grant.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review:

- Mr. & Mrs. Langlois were present to represent their Landmark Prequalification form to the commissioners. They are owners of the Foerster House located at 381 E. Bourbonnais

Street, Kankakee. The home is a brick prairie style with slate roof and copper gutters constructed 1910-1911. Following a conversation with Ms. Johnson the Langlois' were thinking they would like to include both the exterior and interior of their house in order to preserve it for future generations. Ms. Wagner brought up the requirement of the Certificate of Appropriateness and how it would impact any future work done to the house, especially since this would also apply to the historic interior. They understood and wanted to go ahead with the Landmark designation procedure. The Architectural Review committee recommended the approval of the prequalification. Ms. Wagner made a motion to accept the recommendation and to proceed with the full Landmark Nomination application, seconded by Ms. Ebert. Motion carried.

- Paddock House: still waiting to get nomination application from homeowner.
- Ms. Hinton and Mr. Adams are still working with the Rosenboom's concerning their Pilot Hill property. The Rosenboom's want to wait to apply for landmark status until the house is restored.
- Education/Program:
 - Power point program committee met on January 25, 2018 and reviewed a draft of the power point for civic organizations and will continue to improve on it. Next meeting is March 1, 2018.
 - The Cemetery committee consisting of Ms. Hinton, Ms. Ebert and Ms. Wagner met on February 7, 2018. They will work to complete a list of Kankakee County cemeteries and management in preparation for a seminar presented by Debbie Cobb from SHPO.
 - Ms. Hinton reminded members about the NAPC Forum on July 18-22, 2018 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Old Business:

After reviewing and discussion of the information on the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program, a motion was made by Ms. Ebert to move forward with certifying our Historic Preservation Ordinance with the state to offer these benefits to historic landmark (locally and national) property owners. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wagner. Motion carried.

Ms. Hinton and Mr. Adams are hoping to move forward with the clean-up of The Barnett Cemetery. This is not part of the Commissioners duties it is an interest of Ms. Hinton and Mr. Adams. They welcome anyone that can or is willing to help.

New Business:

Ms. Sadler and Ms. Hinton attended the mandatory information session for the Community Foundation Grant competition and will be submitted a grant application for 2018 program.

Ms. Hinton provided information about the Federal program, Preserve America. This program is currently in a holding pattern with the changes in government and is seeking a new chairman. After discussion, Ms. Johnson made a motion for our commission to apply for this program as a county (to include all municipalities). Ms. Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 5, 2018 at 3 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. Ms. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Johnson, Secretary