

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
April 2, 2012

**Members Present:**

Dr. Jim Paul	John Adams	Patricia Wagner	Ashley Lucas
Daron Kinzinger	Terry Johnston	Elisabeth Dunbar	

**Members Absent:**

Andrew Purcell

**Quorum Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

**Approval of Minutes:**

No Minutes

**Public Comments:**

None

**Bonfield Depot Preservation:**

- Jerry Meyer, Vicki Gaffield, and Ron Shank were in attendance to discuss the Bonfield Railroad Depot. The Depot was part of the Kankakee Seneca Railroad dating back to the 1880's and is 1.5 miles from the Village of Bonfield. The building, approximately 8x8, is being used as a barn with tool sheds on each side and the owner no longer has a use for the building. It would cost approximately \$16,000 to \$20,000 to move into the Village of Bonfield into the park. They are looking for directions on the process for moving and restoring the building. Whether there are grant available to help with the costs.
- After much discussion on this matter the following were a few options:
  - Contact Mike Jackson, architect at IL Historic Preservation Office in Springfield;
  - Contact Phil Angelo at the Kankakee Daily Journal for a story;
  - If dismantle the building to move it is an option contact the Village of Bourbonnais to the procedure they used for the one room school house; and;
  - Contact Bourbonnais Historical Society for the history on moving the Letourneau Home.

**Historic Landmark:**

- Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Bourbonnais: All issues with both parties have been worked out and can move forward. Therefore it will go to the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee on April 25, 2012 and County Board on May 8, 2012 for final approval.

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### **Communication/Marketing:**

- Website/Mapping: Ms. Dunbar met with Ms. Sadler and Mr. Skimerhorn on the mapping. Ms. Sadler forwarded to Ms. Dunbar pictures that everyone has sent in and have been inputting some and she finds it's not hard to do and is willing to be the point person on this. Mr. Skimerhorn would like to have one person inputting to keep everything consistent. Also the ArcGIS should be a brief description and one picture and then a link to the website with more information and pictures.
- Historic Preservation Logo: There was discussion on the potential logos (see attached). Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the upper left hand logo as the official logo. Mr. Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carries. Ms. Dunbar informed the Commission that we have a quote from Adcraft for an 8 ½ x 11 tri-fold brochure on glossy stock full color (see attached).
- Community Outreach Seminar/Speaker: There was discussion on the topic of the seminar and time. It was agreed that it should only be a couple of hours and maybe have Catherine O'Connor from the State first to discuss the Historic Preservation Program, then a spoke person from the Commission to launch our brochures, mapping, website and explain who the Commission is and what we are here to do and how to nominate a historic site/property, economic impact. The invite list should consist of mayors, clerks, township supervisors, historic societies, etc. Ms. Lucas to check availability of Ms. O'Connor for our target date of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Maybe have the seminar at the Kankakee Public Library.
- City of Kankakee Historic Preservation Commission: Mr. Johnston met with Mayor Epstein and she understands our concerns. She is also in favor of an intergovernmental agreement, however would like a member of the City Historic Preservation to sit on the County's Historic Preservation Commission as a voting member. It was agreed by the Commission to work forward on this matter. Mr. Johnston did state the City's Historic Preservation did have a meeting however he didn't feel much was accomplished.
- Historic Preservation By-laws: Ms. Dunbar to work with Mr. Purcell for the May meeting.

### **Old/New Business:**

- For clarification the quote from Adcraft was per brochure.
- Ms. Wagner asked if ok to send a letter regarding the Bonfield Depot outlining our discussion and recommendations from the board. Ms. Wagner will draft the letter. Another option is to speak at the Bonfield Board meeting. If Commission member interested in seeing the Depot, let Ms. Wagner know and she will make arrangements.

### **Next Meeting:**

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The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. The Bradley House Board would like to host this meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Kinzinger. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Approved 9/4/12

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