

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
April 11, 2016

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton (chair), John Adams, Jane Johnson, Terry Johnston, Shari Ebert, and Ron Shank.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler

Member Absent:

Pat Wagner, Jim Paul, and Neeley Provost-Regas

Quorum Present.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Mr. Johnston moved that the minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting be approved with corrections noted. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Regarding the Website Update agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that the agendas and minutes have been updated and the ordinance updates would have to go through Municode a web based site that does our Codified Code of Ordinances. Ms. Sadler state she is still working on getting the landmark sites and documents on the website along with the link to the French-Canadian Heritage Corridor.

The opening on the Commission for a Historian has been filled by Shari Ebert. There is still 1 opening on the Commission for an attorney. If members know of anyone interested, please have them contact Ms. Sadler.

County Landmark Signs:

Ms. Hinton and Mr. Adams went to Fastsigns to inquire about landmark signs. There are several options as far as materials and on placement. Think about whether to form a committee for recommendations or decide as a group. If any member sees a sign you like, please take a picture and email to everyone or bring to next meeting.

CLG Grant—Village Forums

The commission reviewed the Herscher public forums. This forum included representatives from Reddick, Essex, Herscher, Cabery, and Bonfield. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. Bonfield Depot was discussed and is looking for financial help and is still working on a permanent location. Reddick Gym was also discussed and there are some issues with no heat, mold and the need for a roof soon. Ms. Johnson also brought up the need for a group of people from community to help fight before the building is a loss. Maybe a brochure with a list of potential agencies that can help.

Invitations and press releases were sent out for the Bourbonnais and Kankakee forums. Ms. Hinton will take care of the refreshments for the forums and the Historic Bourbonnais Walking Tours will be printed and ready for the Bourbonnais forum.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review: There is nothing new on the Pope Brace Building at this time. It was believed there is a new owner.

Bourbonnais Township Park District: Mr. Johnston reviewed the information submitted by Mr. Bright and Mr. Hollis to fix the foundation of the garage and recommended that they move forward as presented. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Shank agreed. Mr. Adams made a motion accept the recommendation and move forward fixing the foundation. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also for the Bourbonnais Township there was discussion on the porch and ramp being replaced. Mr. Shank made a recommendation to approve the plans as submitted. Motion to approve was accepted.

The websites for the National Park Service will always be on the agenda as a reference.

Education Committee: The 4H group will be reviewing the 4H History fair information tomorrow April 12, 2016 .

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4 pm.

Adjournment:

Ms. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sadler
Kankakee County Planning Dept.