

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
May 2, 2016

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler

Member Absent:

Pat Wagner.

Quorum Present.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 3:59 pm in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Ms. Sadler stated that the minutes of the April 11, 2016 will be ready at the next meeting. Regarding the January 4, 2016 minutes, Mr. Adams stated that the minutes should not be changed, but the commission could state today a clarification. Mr. Johnston moved to clarify how the commission is spending the grant money by explaining how the money is used in general, and not specify the small details. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. Motion carried by 4-2. Dr. Paul said that he would submit this revision.

Staff Report:

Ms. Sadler stated that there was nothing new regarding the Website Updates agenda item. She also said that the commission minutes will stay where they are, but be linked in the website. Under the Preservation Commission Openings agenda item, attorney Michael Donahue's application will be forwarded to the PZA and then to the Kankakee County Board. Dr. Paul submitted his resignation letter to the commission (effective June 12, 2016), but agreed to remain on the commission until a replacement "Historian" commissioner is selected. Dr. Paul has served on the commission since its beginning in 2007.

County Landmark Signs:

Mr. Adams gave a report on Nordmeyer Graphics of Chebanse. Mr. Johnston submitted a photograph of the McHie Ford sign on Sandbar Road. Mr. Johnston and Ms. Johnson volunteered to serve on a Committee of Landmark Signs, and prepare a grant proposal for the Community Foundation.

CLG Grant—Village Forums

The commission reviewed the Bourbonnais public forum. Ms. Hinton stated that she has completed the publicity for the upcoming Kankakee forum on May 10. Door prizes for the Kankakee forum will include copies of the "Four Walking Tours of Bourbonnais, Illinois" and Courthouse coasters. The CLG Grant must be completed in September 2016. The commission agreed that intergovernmental agreements should be an agenda priority after Ken Itle's final report is submitted in October or November.

Committee Reports:

Under the Architectural Review Committee agenda item, the Bourbonnais Township Park District has completed a Certificate of Appropriateness for changes and restoration to the farmhouse and garage on the Durham-Perry Farmstead. The park district is in the process of seeking a permit. Ms. Hinton has sent a letter to the park district and the Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee regarding the commission's concerns. Ms. Hinton stressed the significance of the National Park Service documents in restoration work: Preservation Briefs: <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm> and Bulletins: <http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/index.htm>. Under the Education Committee agenda item, Mr. Adams assured the commission that the 4-H History Fair will take place in 2017. He said there will be individual competition, but no team competition. Mr. Adams will attend a 4-H leadership meeting tomorrow and continue to promote the history fair. Regarding the educational agenda for the coming year, Mr. Shank said the Education Committee will publicize the Kankakee Township histories and a list of historical places in the county.

Old Business:

Ms. Sadler stated that the postponed meeting with the Will County Historic Preservation Commission has been rescheduled for Saturday May 7. The Will County commission will tour the Bradley House and then Restoration Works in Bradley. All Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commissioners were invited to accompany and meet the Will County commissioners on these tours. Ms. Ebert suggested fund raising ideas that might accompany "This Place Matters".

New Business:

Under the Announcements agenda item, the commission complimented Dr. Paul on the April 30-May 1 *Daily Journal* front page article "History is closer than you think" which featured the four walking tours of Bourbonnais. Dr. Paul mentioned that he and other Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members will be offering guided tours of the Letourneau Home Museum and Arboretum on Wednesday May 18 to three fourth grades classes from Shabonna Elementary School. Dr. Paul also mentioned that he will visit with Dr. John Bowling on May 9 in order to discuss various matters. Ms. Hinton stated that Rodney Schwark plans to landmark his property. Ms. Hinton mentioned that May is "Preservation Month".

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday June 6, 2016 at 4 pm.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary