

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
August 5, 2019

Members Present: Patricia Wagner (Chairman), John Adams, Mardene Hinton, Jane Johnson, Steve DePasquale, Dawn Landwehr and Ron Shank.

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler and Pat's granddaughter, Haley Wagner

Members Absent:

Shari Ebert and Terry Johnston

Quorum met.

Ms. Wagner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Minutes were approved for July 1, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. DePasquale and seconded by Ms. Hinton. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Ms. Sadler stated that the Paddock house was approved by the County Board and the owner was sent the letter giving them the plaque information. Ms. Sadler is waiting for payment for the plaque for the Foerster House.

CLG Grant:

- The next CLG grant for the Momence Survey has been awarded. Ms. Sadler and Ms. Wagner will work together to line up volunteers for this project. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Adams volunteered to work with Ms. Hinton on historic context. It is very important for all volunteers to keep track of their hours
- CAMP Training for commissioners took place May 11, 2019. Ms. Sadler is working on the final report for this grant.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review: The Paddock house has received some negative publicity in the Journal stating that the property is uninhabitable. One reporter attempted to contact Ms. Hinton for comment but she did not respond. After some discussion Ms. Johnson made a motion that Ms. Hinton contact the IHPA or Landmarks Illinois for professional guidance on how the commission should respond to this situation. It was seconded by Mr. Shank. Motion carried.

The Longpre House application is being considered again under Criteria B and C. With new information added, the commissioners asked to postpone a vote on this property until next month.

Before considering the Wadleigh Sears Barn, there was some discussion about only doing public hearings twice a year. The annual budget was taken into consideration – what can be paid for besides the landmark procedure hearings? Ms. Landwehr recommended that we move forward with Public Hearings.

The Wadleigh Sears Barn landmark application is complete. After review, the commission decided to go ahead with the landmark process, even if it will be the only one for the public hearing, necessitating a separate hearing for any other properties to be landmarked this year. Ms. Hinton made the motion to proceed with the Wadleigh Sears Barn and it was seconded by Mr. Shank. Motion carried. This hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday October 8 at 4p.m. The motion was made by Ms. Hinton and seconded by Ms. Johnson. Mr. Adams voted “present”. Motion carried. Mr. DePasquale recommended that the commission meet the day before the Public Hearing to review the procedure for conducting a Public Hearing.

Ms. Hinton will meet with the owners of the Rosenboom Farm tomorrow to begin work on the pre-application for the National Register.

The Sears Homes project is ongoing with a list of the Sears Homes in the county that have been identified so far. They are listed by address and model name. Two new ones have been added. 510 S. Yates is the “Carter” model and on the East side of S. Chicago is the “Latona” model.

- Education/Program: This committee will look for opportunities to implement Ms. Hinton’s PowerPoint. The PowerPoint presentation will be given to the boards at the Villages of Aroma Park and Bonfield. Ms. Johnson will begin studying the documents for cemetery preservation.

Old Business:

New Architect for Commission: Ms. Hinton has reached out to Architect Cole Jarvis to join the KCHPC and is waiting for a reply.

- Aroma Park IGA—on hold.
- Village of Bonfield –has received letter.
- Kankakee Courthouse Landscaping – Ms. Sadler, Ms. Hinton and Ms. Wagner met with Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Skimerhorn. They will develop a scope of work using Preservation Brief #36. This document will be reviewed by Ms. Landwehr before sending on to Mr. Wheeler.

New Business:

- Railroad Trains – Kankakee: Ms. Hinton will talk to Dr. Schwade.
- Communication Procedure for Commissioners: From now on any communication that happens outside the commission needs to come before the commission first
- Michelle Sadler stated that she was contacted by Gail Wallace of Restoration Works in Bradley, IL. Gail has a new technique for taking lead paint from wood and she would like to give a

demonstration to the commission members. Commission made a decision to just keep information on file.

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 9, 2019 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment: Ms. Hinton made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Johnson, Secretary