

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
August 15, 2016

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Michelle Sadler, Norma Meier, and Ken Itle

Member Absent:

None.

Quorum Present.

Ms. Hinton called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm in the second floor conference room of the Kankakee County Building.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Ms. Sadler stated that she had not yet completed the minutes of the April 4, June 6, and July 11 meetings.

Committee Reports:

Under the County Landmark Sign agenda item, Ms. Johnson distributed a list of three possible goals and three possible objectives for the signs. After discussion, the commission suggested that Ms. Johnson and Mr. Johnston contact possible vendors for the signs and determine a design and content for the signs.

Old Business:

Dr. Paul requested permission to put his name on the *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais* title page—i.e., “by James Paul in Association with the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society and the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission”. The commission approved this request. He also stated that he intended to follow up with his pursuit of finding a sponsor for the funding of the restoration of the Bourbonnais Log School House.

New Business:

Under the Announcements agenda item, Dr. Paul stated that he would be presenting “The French-Canadian Migration to the Kankakee River Valley” at the Kankakee and Iroquois Counties Genealogical Societies’ *French Day in Beaverville* at St. Mary’s Church in the afternoon of Saturday August 27. Ms. Wagner complimented Ms. Hinton on the wonderfully composed summer 2016 issue of *The Preservationist*. Mr. Adams stated that the election of officers was supposed to take place at this August meeting. Since the election of officers was not put on the meeting agenda, it will take place next month. Ms. Sadler mentioned that Brian Gadbois is seeking input on where to plant new trees on the courthouse lawn. If an original landscape plan cannot be found, Ms. Hinton will confirm that no plan is available.

CLG Grant—Ken Itle

Mr. Itle presented the draft of the August 2016 *Kankakee County Preservation Plan*. He requested the commission's review, comments, and revisions for the 181 page document. He especially solicited the commission's input for the last chapter "Goals and Strategies". This is the "wish list" section of the report. The commission should decide which goals and strategies are achievable, which are high or low priority, which are too broad, and what might be added.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday August 29, 2016 at 4 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 pm. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary