

**Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**  
**Summary of Minutes**  
**November 2, 2015**

**Members Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Michelle Sadler and Mark Wakat.

**Member Absent:**

Neely Provost-Regas and Pat Wagner.

**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:**

Mr. Mark Wakat expressed concern about the sale and possible demolition of the Pope Brace Building located at 197 S. West Avenue in Kankakee. Mr. Wakat stated that Mr. Pope had created a unique knitting machine. The building later housed Bear Brand Hosiery. Both businesses had done unique work in orthotics. The commissioners encouraged Mr. Wakat to submit a Prequalification Nomination for the building so that it could be considered for historic landmark status.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shank moved that the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting be approved after corrections. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Staff Report:**

Regarding the KCHP Ordinance agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that this item will go to the PZA on November 18 and then to the county board in December. Regarding the Web Site Updates agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that she and Mr. Skimmerhorn have added the regular meeting time and newsletter. However, they are still working on the addition of two landmarked sites, the French-Canadian Heritage Corridor document, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes. Under the Restoration Works/Wright in Kankakee tour with Wilmington HPC agenda item, Ms. Sadler said that this meeting will be postponed until January or February.

**Historic Landmark:**

Under the Limestone Cemetery Nomination agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that this nomination will go to the PZA on November 18 and to the county board in December.

**CLG Grant**

Under the Status of Letter to Historical Societies and Municipalities agenda item, Ms. Sadler stated that Ms. Hinton had signed that letter and it had been sent out. Under the Status of Incomplete Township

Histories agenda item, Dr. Paul said that he would complete the History of Kankakee Township within a week, Mr. Johnston submitted material for the Rockville and Pembroke Township Histories, and Ms. Johnson stated that she was still working on Ganeer and Yellowhead Township Histories. To date, Dr. Paul has completed Bourbonnais Township History, Mr. Shank and Ms. Wagner have completed Norton, Pilot, and Salina Township Histories, and Ms. Hinton has completed Essex, Limestone, Manteno, Momence, St. Anne, Sumner Township Histories, and Kankakee County History before the settlers. In the next agenda item under the CLG Grant, Mr. Kinzinger made a motion that the commission not take a position as to the origin of and theory of a timeline as facts in the historical record. Mr. Shank seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 5-2 in a raising of hand vote.

**Committee Reports:**

There was nothing new to report on the Phil Angelo's Historic Tourism Plan, the Architectural Review Committee, and the Education Committee. Ms. Hinton again requested news articles for the fall KCHPC newsletter. She will wait to publish this newsletter until the county board acts on the Limestone Cemetery Nomination.

**Old Business:**

Under the Discussion of Replacement of Attorney on the Commission agenda item, the commission encouraged Ms. Hinton to solicit Dennis Baron.

**New Business:**

Under Announcements, Ms. Johnson updated the commission on the status of St. Patrick's Academy in Momence. The parish will pay \$160,000 for demolition. As a concerned citizen, Ms. Johnson is attempting to educate the community about the benefits of utilizing the academy as a senior housing facility.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday December 1, 2015 at 4 pm. The Brainstorming Session with Mr. Ken Ite, the Steering Committee, and commissioners will be on November 19 at 4 pm in the Kankakee County Administrative Building conference room.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 4:58 pm. Mr. Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary