

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
December 2, 2013

**Members Present:**

John Adams            Daron Kinzinger            Jane Johnson            Patricia Wagner  
Mardene Hinton

**Members Absent:**

Andrew Purcell            Ashley Lucas            Terry Johnston            Dr. Jim Paul

**Quorum Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m. by Mr. Adams.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Minutes:**

None

**Kankakee County Courthouse**

- Update of Revolving Door: Ms. Sadler informed the Commission that they are leaving door as is at this time. They will be focusing on the inside at this time. Ms. Hinton has information on a revolving door company International Revolving Door Co. out of Evansville, IN that she will forward to Mr. Bossert.

**Historic Landmark**

- City of Kankakee:
  - Letter was sent out right after the last meeting and there has been no response from the Mayor. May ask Mr. Van Mill what he suggest or if he could speak with the Mayor.
- Reddick High School Gymnasium:
  - Richard Curl updated the Commission on building sale. There are two bids that will be opened on December 9, one is from Reddick Fire Department and he doesn't know who the other is from. Mr. Curl has heard that the fire department only want to use the east side of the building and maybe would sell the areas they will not use to the Village, which hopefully will help preserve the gymnasium. Mr. Curl thinks that the Commission should wait to make any decision on the landmark status until after it is determined who has bought the building and their intension. Mr. Curl will call and let us know the outcome of the bid.
  - The Commission had much discussion on the nomination and how it is significant. Is the whole structure significant with the additions to it and is the outside of the building significant. There may be more things to consider beside the gymnasium.

**Communication/Marketing:**

- Historic Landmark Signs: there is still no word back from Friendly Signs on the quotes.

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- Signage on I-57: Dr. Paul has met with Representative Kate Cloonen and she will pursue this matter for the Commission. However right now their focus is on the pension reform.
- Commission To Do List:
  - Ms. Wagner received her packet from the seminar that she and Ms. Johnson attended. She also talked to the importance of working together with municipalities and how important the Code of Ethics for Commissions and Staff is. Ms. Wagner left the brochure and thumb drive for Ms. Sadler to copy for the Commission Members.
  - Ms. Hinton stated that the Commission needs to work 2015 CLG Grant application for the survey. We need to get organized on what we need to do ahead of time to help us with the grant process and being prepared by the November deadline. It was also discussed about having representatives from township to help with significant sites. Goals to have at least 2 people from each township

**Old/New Business:**

- Mr. Adams informed the Commission that he has been in contact with Diane Tomic a local attorney and she is interested in being the Commission, she would be replacing Andy Purcell. Ms. Sadler will send Ms. Tomic the application form for committees.
- Ms. Wagner also has a candidate for Ms. Lusas position when it becomes formal.
- Ms. Wagner informed the Commission that the Bonfield Depot had a setback; the lean-to was hit by the storms and needs to have the roof repaired. They are also working on their website, can be found by doing a Google search for Bonfield Historical Society.
- There was discussion on whether the meeting date and/or time should be changed to help accommodate everyone's schedule. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting to see what changes need to be done, if any.
- There was also discussion on the by-laws and the ordinance. It was suggested to maybe update the ordinance by incorporating some of the by-law information into it. We will work on Article 1 of the ordinance at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Kinzinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hinton. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Approved 2/3/14

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