

WILL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Virginia Ferry, Chairman
John Lamb, Vice Chairman
Mark Batson
Catherine Boo
Denise Issert
John Rossi
Daniel Seggebruch
Gretchen Sullivan
Sandra Vasko

Minutes of the December 5, 2007 Meeting

1. Call to Order

Virginia Ferry called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Virginia Ferry, Chairman
John Lamb, Vice Chairman
Mark Batson
Catherine Boo
Denise Issert
Daniel Seggebruch
Sandy Vasko

Commissioners Absent: John Rossi
Gretchen Sullivan

Staff Present: Amy Munro, Historic Preservation Manager; Will
County Land Use Department
John O'Lear, Landscape Architect; Forest Preserve
District of Will County
Phil Mock, Assistant State's Attorney; Will County
State's Attorney's Office

Others Present: Harry Klinkhamer, Interpretive Facility
Coordinator; Forest Preserve District of Will
County
Mary Jo Szymanski
Diane Batson
Jim Duffy
Dave Johnson

3. Approval of Agenda

Vasko moved to approve the agenda as presented. Batson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Approval of November 7, 2007 Minutes

Vasko moved to approve the minutes. Batson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Chairman's Report

Ferry requested that Commissioners give thought to advertising the Commission and nominating new landmarks in 2008.

7. Staff Report

a. WCHPC Appointments

Munro reported that Catherine Boo was appointed to the Commission, filling the seat vacated by Szymanski. In addition, Lamb, Ferry, and Seggebruch were reappointed to the Commission. Ferry noted the importance of filling the attorney seat vacated by John Rossi.

b. I-355 Extension

Munro spoke about the I-355 extension dedication. Numerous Heritage Corridor Visitor's Bureau flyers, Will County Historic Preservation information packets, and Land Use Department literature were distributed at the event. Batson noted the bicycle event and car show. Boo spoke about the veteran dedication and marathon event. Seggebruch noted the time saved in using the extension to travel from Naperville to Crete.

8. New Business

a. Preservation Month 2008

Munro requested that Commissioners bring ideas to next month's meeting regarding Preservation Month (May of 2008) activities.

b. Illinois Barn Alliance Meeting – June 6-7, 2008

Munro reported that an Alliance Board member spoke to her regarding holding the next conference in Will County. Barn owners willing to give tours of their historic barns in Will County are needed. Vasko and Boo spoke favorably of having the W.C.H.P.C. participate in this event in June of 2008. Boo moved to have the Will County Historic Preservation Commission sponsor the Illinois Barn Alliance event. Seggebruch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Other

Ferry expressed concern over the structural stability of the northeast end of the Round Barn in Manhattan and the many bureaucratic delays in addressing the problem.

9. Old Business

a. Demolition

1. 800-900 Kankakee Road, Wilmington, Illinois (Wilmington Township) – House and Outbuildings

Lamb moved to have agenda item 9 business conducted before agenda item 8. Vasko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Munro provided background history of the house, along with a PowerPoint presentation including photographs of the house. Vasko thanked Munro for her research efforts.

Batson asked about the plans to develop the property. Dave Johnson replied that the final plan for the development of the site has not been made. Batson expressed concern over tree removal and erosion during the development of the site. Dave Johnson

noted that his objective is to remove the deteriorated structure as quickly as possible.

Vasko moved to approve the demolition of all of the buildings at 800-900 Kankakee Road. Issert seconded the motion. Seggebruch noted the architectural integrity of the house. Approval of the motion passed unanimously.

10. Announcements

Mock reported that he will follow up on the status of the placement of the John Lane monument.

Vasko reported that the Will County Historical Society is partnering with the Forest Preserve District of Will County to work on the relocation of the Lockport pioneer settlement.

Munro noted that the January meeting date is scheduled for the second of the month. Lamb moved to reschedule the meeting to January 9. Issert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Vasko moved that the meeting be adjourned. Batson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John O'Lear
Forest Preserve District of Will County

Will County Historic Preservation Commission