



**WILL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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Minutes

May 5, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY OFFICE
17540 LARAWAY ROAD
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60433

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. Call to Order

Lamb called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Mark Batson
Catherine Boo
John Lamb; Vice-Chairman
Sandy Vasko
Daniel Seggebruch
Denise Issert

Commissioners Absent:

Virginia Ferry; Chairwoman
Gretchen Sullivan; Secretary
Kirsten Steeves

Staff:

Amy Munro; Will County Land Use Department
Tim Good; Forest Preserve District of Will County
Mary Tatroe; Will County State's Attorney's Office

Others:

Diane Batson
Gayle Schutten
Debbie Sybarger
Ronald Tyrakowski
Mary Baskerville
Paul Herrmann
Denise Schroeder

A quorum was present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Vasko moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Issert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Approval of April 7, 2010 Minutes

Vasko moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Issert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments

No public comments.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman was not present.

7. Staff's Report

a. Rural Structures Survey Report - Copies of the Wilmington and Jackson Township reports are being sent to local institutions. The new reports are now available on Will County's web site. WJE plans to complete fieldwork in Reed/Custer in September; the report will be completed when additional funds become available. The Certified Local Government grant for FY2010 has been signed and will go towards Florence Township.

b. CLG Workshop - Information on the June 18 workshop has been emailed to Commissioners. Munro asked for Commissioners to let her know if they wished to participate.

c. Steve Lazzara at Will County brought a potential octagonal structure on Mills Road in Joliet to Munro's attention. None of the Commissioners were familiar with the building. One thought may be that it might be Arsenal surplus. Munro will look in to it further.

d. Munro summarized the Benefits of Preservation that the Commission has been working on for the display board. The five themes are: Association; Education; Conservation; Connection; and Direction. Munro will flesh out the elements within each theme for next month's meeting.

e. Sullivan has reserved a case for the Commission's display at Crete Public Library in May 2011.

f. Palios' last day as the County's intern was May 4th. Two more interns may be available to the County in the summer. Munro will provide Palios with a letter from the Commission for his portfolio.

8. New Business

a. Landmark Nomination Public Hearing

HPC 10-45: Rodney Bowen House (Historic Name)

Bowen-Warner-Hogan-Davy-Day-Eisenhour-Shuler-Tyrakowski House (Common Name)

Property Address: 725 Widows Ln., Wilmington, IL 60481;

PIN: 03-17-26-202-017-0000

Vasko moved to open the public hearing. Boo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The nomination has been discussed at previous meetings, so Munro just provided a summary of the Staff report. The structure meets eight of the Commission's twelve criteria; all that is required is to meet one of the criteria. Vasko provided more information on Albert Bowen, and indicated that his association with the Underground Railroad is unsubstantiated. Vasko commended the owners for their efforts to save and restore the building. There were no public comments.

Batson moved to close the public hearing. Vasko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Vasko moved that the nomination be forwarded to the County Board for approval. Seggebruch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It will go to Committees and the Board in June and July.

b. Historic Landmark Plaque Presentation

The Octagon House in the City of Wilmington

Property Owner: Gayle Schutten

Lamb and Vasko presented Schutten with a plaque from the Commission to display on her house.

c. Demolitions

No demolitions.

d. Other

No other new business.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Landmark Nomination Subcommittee – Vasko has been in discussions with the owners of an Italianate residence in Wilmington as a potential nomination.

b. Education Subcommittee – No report.

c. Interagency Cooperation Subcommittee – Munro indicated that the ongoing commissioner presentations at townships has been very well received. A schedule for the presentations has been posted on the Commission's Facebook page. Vasko mentioned that the Will County Historical Society will be having fundraisers to pay for the relocation of the historic structures removed from Lockport's Settlers' Park. The first will be on May 17th in Wilmington at the train depot. Future events will be announced later. Boo indicated that there may be a growing interest in preservation on the Homer Township Board; in 2011, the Township will be celebrating its 175th anniversary. Munro has reserved a table for the Commission's display and brochures at Homer Township's Earth Day and Tilsy Barn relocation ground-breaking on May 22nd.

10. Old Business

There was no old business.

11. Announcements

Munro advised the County Land Use Department will be holding four listening sessions for its upcoming resource Management Plan update in May and June, and provided times and locations.

Seggebruch notified the Commission that he has taken a position in Green Bay, WI. He expressed his enjoyment of his time on the Commission during the last ten years. He resigned his seat on the Commission effective upon the expiration of his term at the end of the year. As the only architect, by statute and ordinance he will have to be replaced by another architect. Lamb expressed the Commission's gratitude for his decade of dedicated service.

12. Adjournment

Vasko moved that the meeting be adjourned. Batson seconded the motion which passed unanimously at 7:55P.M. The next meeting will be June 2, 2010.