



**WILL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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Minutes

February 3, 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

Ferry called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Virginia Ferry, Chair
Mark Batson
Catherine Boo
Denise Issert
John Lamb
Daniel Seggebruch
Kirsten Steeves
Gretchen Sullivan
Sandy Vasko

Commissioners Absent:

Staff:

Amy Munro, Will County Land Use
Harry Klinkhamer, Forest Preserve District of Will County
Phil Mock, State's Attorney

Other:

Diane Batson, New Lenox Historical Society
Curt Paddock, Will County Land Use Department
Denise Schroeder

3. Approval of Agenda

Vasko motioned to approve the agenda of February 3, 2010. Sullivan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Approval of January 6, 2010 Minutes

Boo motioned to approve the minutes of January 6, 2010. Batson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments

Paddock mentioned how much the county values the work of the commission. He discussed a recent trip to Japan on environmental sustainability, economic development, and historic preservation. Paddock reminded the commission that they are part of a global movement.

6. Chairman's Report

Ferry noted that the commission will view the first program produced by the county for historic preservation. She also stated that before the November elections, she wants the preservation commission to meet with their county commissioners. She also wants to schedule a social meet-and-greet with county commissioners.

7. Staff's Report

Munro passed out completed survey reports for Jackson and Wilmington townships. She said she is still waiting to hear from the state regarding the CLG grants. Munro also updated the commissioners that there are 35 landmarks in the county. She also gave an update on the John Lane monument. Boo asked if the 163rd Street widening will affect the location of the monument. Mock noted that it should not be affected. Vasko asked how accessible the monument is. Mock noted that the monument will be on private property but the landowner will fence off the area for public access.

8. New Business

a. HPC cable show

Munro premiered the cable access show that was developed for the historic preservation commission. Sullivan asked about the distribution of the DVD. Ferry noted that it will be going to each township for public access. The commissioners discussed other opportunities such as schools, libraries, and historical societies.

b. Other

Munro mentioned that there is an intern from Lewis University who is assisting with 15-20 hours a week. Munro also passed out and discussed information from County Commissioner Konicki regarding a state bill to lower assessments on barns. Mock reported that the bill is sitting with the Rules Committee.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Landmark Nomination

Munro reported that she was contacted by an individual who is interested in landmarking his home. She noted that it is listed as national register significant based upon the recently published Wilmington Township survey. Vasko gave some history on the property. Munro reminded commissioners to ask for nomination packets if they need them.

b. Education

Munro noted that the intern is working on the tabletop display.

c. Interagency Cooperation

Vasko reported that the Will County Historical Society is moving the settlement to Second Street and the Illinois and Michigan Canal in Lockport on land the city is acquiring from the Lockport Township Park District.

d. Old Business

Ferry asked commissioners how many nomination folders they each still have.

10. Demolitions

- a. Preliminary Review: 16608 Lily Cache Road, Plainfield (Plainfield Township)
Property Owner: Plainfield Park District

Munro gave an update on this review. Ferry refreshed the commission on last month's discussion on the matter. Munro reminded the commissioners that they are welcome to attend and speak at the park district's board meeting. Ferry asked for commissioners willing to speak. Seggebruch, Vasko, and Boo offered to organize going to the meeting in March. Vasko said she would pursue the press on the matter. Boo was assigned to lead this group.

11. Announcements

Boo suggested that the preservation commission develop a facebook page. The commission agreed to put this on next month's agenda.

12. Adjournment

Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Boo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.