

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**September 7, 2016**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chairman  
Jeanette Goza  
Jerry Jacobson  
Tina Lathan  
Aakash Raut  
James Schackmann  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:** Bob Sherman, Norm Sims, Mike Brooks

**Staff Present:** Emily Prather

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the August minutes. Commissioner Jacobson wanted to recognize in the official minutes those distinguished guests that attended the Oldest Farmhouse Event at the Sangamon County Fair including but not limited to: Senator McCann, County Board Members Tom Fraase and Lori Williams, and Farm Bureau dignitaries Jim Birge and Larry Beaty. A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Commissioner Schackmann and was seconded by Commissioner Lathan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the July Oldest Farmhouse Committee minutes since the Committee had dissolved. A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Commissioner Jacobson and was seconded by Commissioner Raut. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell reported he has been out in his townships looking for potential survey candidates and encouraged the Commissioners to go out to their assigned townships and perform surveys. Chairman Pell reported Commissioner Brooks is performing surveys for two farmhouses in Cooper Township that may be 19<sup>th</sup> century structures, so the Commissioner assigned to Cooper Township will know not to complete surveys for those two farmhouses. Chairman Pell stated now that the Oldest Farmhouse project is complete; it is time for the Commission to think about a new project. Chairman Pell provided an example that school houses could be a building type the Commission could review in the future.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:** Commissioner Jacobson brought up that the Commission will need to convert the oldest farmhouse entries into surveys. Commissioner Jacobson stated the farmhouse entries would be surveyed by the Commissioner assigned to the township where the farmhouse is located. Chairman Pell stated the information gathered during the farmhouse search will need to be distributed to the whole Commission since not everyone was on the Farmhouse Committee. Commissioner Jacobson stated he has hard copies of all of the entries and believes Staff Member Keenan kept electronic copies. Chairman Pell, Commissioner Jacobson, and Commissioner Goza discussed that over half the entries were in Commissioner Goza's townships so Commissioner Goza may need some help in order to complete all the surveys. Commissioner Raut referenced the July HPC minutes stating the

Commission delegated which Commissioner would survey each farmhouse entry. Chairman Pell stated the process for these farmhouse entries would be to first complete a survey of the farmhouse entry and then determine if the farmhouse would be a candidate to landmark, and if so contact the owners to discuss the process of landmarking to determine if they would be interested. Commissioner Jacobson stated the Trapp house, owned by the Kilhoffers, is not interested in landmarking. Commissioner Jacobson has a handout on landmarking and was going to e-mail the handout to Chairman Pell for the Commission's reference.

**New Business:** Commissioner Jacobson had found an idea for a barn calendar from Kane County and wanted to bring a discussion before the Commission to determine if the Commission would like to create a similar calendar for Sangamon County. Commissioner Jacobson stated the calendar could feature twelve historic barns and include a written description for the history of the barn. Chairman Pell stated the Commission could try and find twelve different photographers to do pro bono work to help create the calendar. Commissioner Jacobson stated the Commission could ask the townships to submit pictures of barns that the Commission could then narrow down to twelve barns for the calendar. Commissioner Jacobson stated he has a call into Capitol Blue Print to provide an estimate for how much printing 100 copies or 500 copies of the calendar would cost. Chairman Pell suggested the Commission could try and find sponsors to pay for a calendar. Staff reported Commissioner Sherman stated he has some pictures of barns from around the county and would be able to provide some information at the October meeting.

**Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications:** None

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Schackmann had brought up the Sugar Creek Covered Bridge during last month's meeting and gave a follow up report that a survey had been completed for the bridge on November 2011. The bridge is located in Chatham Township. The owner of the bridge is the Village of Chatham and Ball Township.

Commissioner Raut reported he was going to be completing a survey for the Marvin Farmhouse in Cotton Hill Township, but he has never completed a survey before and wanted to know the best way to complete one. Chairman Pell stated Commissioner Raut could take all the important information from the farmhouse entry and transfer it to a survey form.

Commissioner Goza presented the Commission with copies of the updated proclamation for the Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church. Commissioner Goza received some changes that would need to be made to the proclamation and Staff will provide her with the date the County Board declared the church a landmark, and then she will e-mail the final draft to Commissioner Williams.

**Staff Reports:** Staff handed out an updated Commissioner Contact list and an updated Sangamon County Landmarks list.

**Public Comment:** None

**Additional Comments:** None

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goza made a motion to adjourn the September meeting with Commissioner Schackmann seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather