

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
January 6, 2010

Members Present (x):	Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:	Bob Winters (Mayor - Illiopolis)
	James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x		
	Elaine Funk	x		
	Jerry Jacobson	x		
	Randy Schick	x		
	Robert Sherman	x		
	Barry Wood	x		
	Abby Johnson, SSCRPC staff	x		
	Norm Sims, SSCRPC Exec. Dir.	x		

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

There were no December minutes due to lack of a quorum; therefore, no meeting was called to order and no minutes were approved.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced that of the original Commission members, there are three that still remain (Donelan, Pell, and Schick). There has been great turnover within the group and we have had many great voices. There are still two open slots to be filled at a time that is still to be determined. Pell wants to make sure that the professional spots as recommended by ordinance are fulfilled.

Pell also announced that he received a 2010 meeting schedule from staff and wanted to make sure everyone got a copy. Pell thanked staff for providing the new schedule.

Pell noted that he had hoped to submit the CLG application by Thanksgiving; however, this did not happen. Submission of the application is close and Pell has received a lot of information from Commission members. Pell noted that he still needs a letter from Chairman Andy VanMeter, which is a letter already written and only needs to be reviewed and signed. Robert Sherman noted that he needs to submit his resume to Pell. The other issue is that this Commission lacks a Historic Preservation Plan. Norm Sims noted that this would be an outstanding attribute to the Commission. The City of Springfield Historic Sites Commission does not have a preservation plan, but Sims has written a document regarding a preservation plan. Sims noted he would send this document to Pell. Pell stated that a preservation plan is something that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) would like to see because of funding issues. The preservation plan would give IHPA one more thing to understand this Commission.

Pell presented an example of a completed survey form. Specifically, the survey form was of the Futuro House recently moved from Sangamon County and thus removed from the survey list.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: Jerry Jacobson addressed the Landmark Application form that he submitted for the Sangamon Ordnance Plant in Illiopolis. He acknowledged the Mayor Bob Winters and the township supervisors. Jacobson read an amendment to the initial application. Jacobson read a paragraph to replace section 13, Statement of Significance, 8th paragraph, starting with “The water system...” It now reads:

The water system installed by the Army for its use in the ordnance plant represented a vital facility both for drinking and washing as well as fire control. This last use was highly important at a plant brimming with high explosives. When the war ended and the ordnance plant was decommissioned, the Village of Illiopolis purchased the entire water and sewer system. The water system depended on a series of wells drawing water from the Mahomet Aquifer. The wells were and are near enclosed brick-walled pumping and control stations, some still in use, others replaced. The treatment plant sent water to the elevated tank, which acted as the main water storage and distribution facility for both plant and village. Parts of the original system still function, although most of that system west of the water treatment plant has been abandoned, including the subject water tower. Currently water from the treatment plant proceeds to a modern elevated water tank from which it is distributed to the water customers of the village. (The old tank no longer holds water.)

Pell noted that the water tower remains the iconic piece of the entire ordnance plant. Mayor Winters stated that there are other structures that are very vulnerable and identifiable. There are about 75-100 concrete structures covered with earth that stored artillery. All of these are farmed around and privately owned. These structures will soon be harvested for the concrete and dirt. Winters noted that this particular water tower is extremely common for its time, whereas the concrete structures are extremely rare; however, the water tower remains iconic and is on public property where the unique concrete structures are on private property.

Pell noted that the application is lacking the water tower parcel number. Jacobson will get the parcel number from staff. Sherman suggested that the sentence regarding the “water treatment plants being at undisclosed locations for security reasons” be removed. Jacobson and the rest of the Commission had no objections.

Pell noted that no action can be taken on this application at this time because there was no indication of such action on the agenda. He stated that the next meeting would take action in order for a public hearing to be held in March. Sims noted that this would be a good idea because it would give the Commission the opportunity to make the appropriate changes in the application and also time to prepare what the ordinance states regarding what criteria need to be met in order to approve a landmark.

Member Reports: Schick announced that there is a great Arts and Crafts exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute that runs through the end of January. If you can, make the trip because it is well worth it.

Sherman noted that he and Mark McDonald did a story on barns for the television series Illinois Stories. He will email the group as to when the episode will air.

Staff Reports: No report.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the January meeting. Sherman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Johnson

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
February 3, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Elaine Funk	x	
Jerry Jacobson	x	
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman	x	
Barry Wood	x	
Abby Johnson, SSCRPC staff	x	
Norm Sims, SSCRPC Exec. Dir.	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the January meeting minutes. A motion was made by Robert Sherman and was seconded by Randy Schick. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced that our desire to submit a CLG application was vetted by the Public Health Safety and Zoning Committee and the Finance Committee after meeting with Brian McFadden and Andy VanMeter; Pell subsequently received a cover letter for the application indicating the support of Sangamon County. Pell also noted that he has a document that staff emailed regarding a Historic Preservation Plan. This document was originally drafted by Norm Sims for the City Historic Sites Commission. The CLG application indicates a Preservation Plan is not necessary but is helpful. Pell said that our CLG application can indicate a Preservation Plan is currently being drafted. Sims noted that he drafted this document as a City Historic Sites Commission member. He looked at the City Historic Preservation Ordinance and the responsibilities of the Commission and identified all the items that had been discussed to be done, or what other Commission had done. Sims noted that the City Historic Sites Commission has decided not to adopt a Preservation Plan, but they are a CLG. Pell stressed that this would be a great thing to work towards and would be a benefit to the group. He asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Pell also announced that he would like to discuss the Commission's continued survey work. Perhaps next month each member could set a goal to look at one more survey in each township. This could be a great jumpstart to a new year that is already two months old. Bob Sherman asked if he could make copies of the Sangamon County Plat book from the Farm Bureau. The fact that this document is subject to copywriting makes him suspicious if it can

be copied and distributed to members of this Commission. Sims noted he will draft a letter to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: The final landmark application for the Sangamon Ordnance Plant Water tower has been submitted and brought before the Commission today. What a positive recommendation means is that between now and the next scheduled meeting on March 3rd (which will act as a public hearing), Pell will draft an initial report and recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission. This document looks at the categories that are shown in Article 3 Section 5. Pell noted that we know from preliminary review that this structure meets the criteria of landmark status, but will be reflected in written form in the initial report. Prior to the next meeting, staff will mail letters informing adjacent property owners what is taking place and will also post a legal notice in the newspaper announcing a public hearing will be held.

Pell noted that a vote needs to take place in order to move this landmark application to the public hearing status. Pell entertained a motion to recommend to the Sangamon County Board that the Sangamon Ordnance Plant water tower in the Village of Illiopolis be made a County landmark. Jim Donelan made a motion to approve and was seconded by Barry Wood. Sherman asked if we needed owner consent and Pell noted that the Mayor of Illiopolis was present at the last meeting. Staff will ask the Mayor of Illiopolis for a letter of support of this possible landmark. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Member Reports: Sherman asked if everyone got the email he sent regarding the new bill that Rich Brauer put forth regarding barns. If not please see him and he will forward it. Also, the Will County Forest Preserve has a barn on their property that they needed to demolish, even though it is an asset. Sherman did the deposition about the barn and now the forest preserve plans to sell it for \$1000 to a family that once owned the property the barns sits on. The barn will be moved and eventually restored so this is a win-win situation for everyone.

Staff Reports: No report.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Sherman made a motion to adjourn the February meeting. Elaine Funk seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Johnson

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
March 3, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:	Rick Ford George Ford
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x		
Elaine Funk			
Jerry Jacobson	x		
Randy Schick	x		
Robert Sherman	x		
Norm Sims	x		
Barry Wood	x		
Abby Johnson, SSCRPC staff	x		

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the February meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jim Donelan and was seconded by Robert Sherman. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Hearing of Public Comment – Sangamon Ordnance Plant Water Tower: Pell thanked everyone for coming and asked the two people present for the public hearing to introduce themselves. Rick Ford introduced himself as a resident from Illiopolis who farms the property surrounding the water tower. George Ford, his father and the owner of the property, was also present and introduced himself to the Commission. George noted that the picture in the paper is not the water tower in question, just to clear up any confusion. George and Rick asked how the County landmark status would affect them as surrounding property owners. Pell explained that the owner of the water tower is the Village of Illiopolis and to the degree they want to maintain the water tower they can. The status of being a landmark recognizes the structure in the city and the county and there has been some publicity as well, which is a good thing. Pell noted that if the Village of Illiopolis decided to one day paint the structure, then they would have to come before this Commission for review. Ultimately, this Commission cannot stop the Village of Illiopolis from tearing the structure down or painting it or anything else. They own the water tower and have final say on what they do with it.

Rick Ford asked if there would be a plaque posted on the water tower. Pell noted that this is the fourth County landmark and a plaque has not been installed on any landmarks to date. This was the intention, but there is a cost involved and this is a problem given today's economy. Jerry Jacobson said Bob Winters, the Mayor of Illiopolis, indicated to him at one point that the village might install a plaque at their cost. Rick Ford asked why the water tower is of significance to landmark. Jacobson noted that it is certainly the most visible structure in the Ordnance Plant. Pell noted that this is an iconic structure and can be seen from the interstate. Certainly it can be recognized as a feature on the landscape, which was a part of a

much more significant place, the Ordnance Plant. Sherman wanted to point out that the landmarking status has no adverse affect on surrounding property owners. Rick Ford wanted to point out that the library in Illiopolis is full of great information and had a great scrapbook about the Ordnance Plant.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced that it has been a busy month. He asked everyone to bring at least one survey item to this month's meeting since the weather is getting nice and it is easier to get out and look around. Pell received a letter from the County Board regarding the CLG application. There is nothing new to report about the CLG although Pell sees something happening very quickly. Staff and Pell met with State's Attorney Rob Powers to discuss the issue of quorum. Powers indicated because the County has moved to place 9 commissioners then the quorum is 5 even when there are less than nine commissioners; however, we could modify our ordinance in order for the quorum to be flexible based on the actual number of commissioners.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: Pell put together an Initial Report and Recommendation that recommends that the water tower meets the criteria for landmark status. At this point, we've had a public hearing and we have additional time if needed to linger on the issue. Pell doesn't see this as necessary. We can in fact put a motion on the table for recommendation. Jacobson made a motion the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to the Sangamon County Board that the Sangamon Ordnance Plant water tower in Illiopolis be landmarked under the provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Jim Donelan seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. Sherman asked if we can add to the motion that there were no adverse comments surrounding this landmarking; Pell doesn't see the need to include it. Sims wanted to make it clear that this is not like zoning variances which require findings of fact. The ordinance requires the potential landmark to meet certain criteria and time may be needed in some instances to see if this is the case. Pell agreed and indicated that this landmark is not controversial so he doesn't believe that more time is needed to move this to the County Board.

Member Reports: Pell presented a survey form that he filled out for a house he has always had interest in and he refers to it as the "Art Deco" house. This survey speaks to how simple the survey forms are to fill out. This house is part of unincorporated Sangamon County and is located close to the Wabash curve. The property tax records can be searched online on the County website. This particular house is located in Woodside Township.

Sherman announced that he has done some driving around Loami looking for barns. There are some very interesting structures out there and he will be looking more now that the snow has cleared.

Randy Schick looked at the City's historic preservation plan and it can easily be modified. Sims and Schick will work together on starting a preservation plan for this Commission.

Jacobson is currently looking at a transportation artifact in Lanesville township.

Staff Reports: Sims noted that he sent a letter to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau to get their permission to copy their plat book. Also, Sims met with Brian McFadden and the County Board plans to fill the two vacant seats sometime in the near future.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Schick made a motion to adjourn the March meeting. Sherman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Johnson

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
April 7, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Elaine Funk	x	
Jerry Jacobson	x	
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman	x	
Norm Sims	x	
Barry Wood	x	
Abby Johnson, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the March meeting minutes. A motion was made by Randy Schick and was seconded by Elaine Funk. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: Schick announced that Irwin's Park is tied up in a lawsuit regarding ownership and which township, Auburn or Chatham, the park is in. It is a tense situation because Paul Irwin donated the park to Auburn Township nearly 20 years ago. Irwin is currently suing to get it back from the Irwin's Park Association, who currently owns it. If Irwin wins then the association could lose the park altogether. Schick has been in touch with the Irwin's Park Association, who previously indicated they had interest in landmarking the site. Schick is concerned because if the landmarking moves forward then this group could end up in the lawsuit. Norm Sims noted that the landmarking cannot take place since the ownership of the park is in dispute. Jerry Jacobson asked if the proposed building will be adversely affected by this. Schick did not think so. Schick will investigate further. Pell suggested that moving forward the property be added to the Commission's survey.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced that the CLG is not completely finished at this time. He has been in correspondence with Catherine O'Connor. Pell has a letter from the County Board Chairman supporting this application as well as lots of other information. Pell noted that completing the application is a matter of gathering the information and submitting the final application. There is not a preservation plan within the application. Staff emailed a document that Sims drafted for the Springfield Historic Sites Commission that illustrates a framework for a Historic Preservation Plan. Pell noted that this is something that would be great to include in the final CLG application, but realizes there is not enough time. He will indicate that there is a plan in the works and hopefully one can be submitted by this summer. Schick announced that he will be responsible for the plan and will report on progress at the next meeting.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Pell noted that he has put Schick's name on the survey for the Art Deco house that he presented at the March meeting.

Jacobson is still working on the transportation item in Lanesville and should have more to report at the May meeting. Pell suggested that Jacobson fill out a survey form to present at the next meeting. Jacobson asked what the status of the demolition delay ordinance. Pell noted that the Building Department is now under the Public Health Department. Mike Ashenfelter was on board with the notion of a "check off box" on building permits. Staff noted that Ashenfelter has met with Jim Stone at Public Health and the idea is still in the works and will most likely have more information after the move takes place.

Jim Donelan challenged the group to bring at least one survey item to the May meeting. This group has done a great job in the past few months and Donelan encouraged everyone to keep up the momentum.

Sherman said he is getting a feel for what is in his three townships and learning what is out there.

Staff Reports: Sims noted that he sent a letter to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau to get their permission to copy their plat book and has not heard anything back at this time.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the April meeting. Sherman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Johnson

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
May 5, 2010

Members Present (x):	Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
	James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
	Elaine Funk	x	
	Jerry Jacobson	x	
	Randy Schick	x	
	Robert Sherman	x	
	Norm Sims	x	
	Barry Wood		
	Abby Johnson, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the April meeting minutes. A motion was made by Bob Sherman and was seconded by Randy Schick. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: Pell announced that staff received a letter from IHPA in response to correspondence with the Buffalo Fire Protection District. The Chief of the Buffalo Fire Protection wrote a letter to IHPA requesting that they investigate a house in Buffalo for any possible historic value. The house was donated to the Buffalo Fire Protection District by the property owner to be used for a live burn training simulation. The letter states that the 2 story structure has been abandoned for several years and is in disrepair. Pell explained that IHPA has forwarded this correspondence to this Commission to comment on the possible effects of this project on the cultural resources in Sangamon County. IHPA states that they cannot adequately review this proposed project until the Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission has found the property without any historical significance. Staff passed around the original letter and correspondence from IHPA and the Buffalo Fire Protection District and the attached pictures of the structure. Jerry Jacobson noted that Anne Haaker (a Deputy Director at IHPA) and IHPA got involved with this project because of a State permit requirement for burning. Norm Sims explained that the letter was sent to the Planning Commission for comment on any environmental issues with this project, which there are none. The Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission would be the body to comment on the historical significance of this project, which is why this letter is being presented. Pell noted that at this point asking the Buffalo Fire Protection District for a little more time would be appropriate as well as to talk to them about their ultimate plans, timeline, etc. Jacobson noted that more research of the property and potentially getting an architect involved may be necessary. Pell will get in touch with Mike Thompson, the fire Chief, and be in contact with everyone by email before the June meeting with more details.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell asked Sims what the status of the Farm Bureau plat books was. Sims announced that he has been in correspondence with the Farm Bureau and they have donated eight copies of the 2005 plat book. The most recent plat book is owned by the printing company and the Farm Bureau did not have the authority to donate this one. Pell thanked Sims.

Pell noted that the CLG application has been at a stand still for about a month and he has hopes to gather all the material and submit the application very soon. One reason the application has not been submitted yet is because it would be better to submit it with our "comprehensive" plan that Randy Schick is working on for the commission. Sims presented a goal to have a draft Preservation Plan at the next meeting for review and suggestions and the meeting following that a final CLG application be presented so everyone can approve of the whole document.

Pell noted that the demolition delay is at a stand still. He has tried to get in touch with Mike Ashenfelter and has been unsuccessful. Sims noted that the Building Department is gearing up to move offices so correspondence with him might be difficult in the next couple of months.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Pell presented a survey for the Fancy Creek Cemetery, an old cemetery near the southeast corner of Holten Road and State Route 124. This is an interesting place and is worthy of a survey and possibly landmark status. The cemetery contains remains of many well known Springfield and Sangamon County names who own/owned land in northern Sangamon County.

Jacobson presented a survey for the Bolivia Bridge, which is on the IDOT historical bridge list. It is located over a mile north of Bolivia across the North Fork of Sangamon River. Pell noted that this bridge has been discussed in the past and half of it sits in another County. Sims will get in touch with the County Engineer, Tim Zahn, to find out what is being done with the bridge.

Elaine Funk was going to survey a red barn in one of her townships, however, she found out the owner was not interested in landmarking it. She did not complete a survey, however, Pell noted that a survey can be done in any event and can be as simple as it needs to be.

Jim Donelan presented a survey of a historical marker along Old Jacksonville Road near the Riddle Hill area. The marker sits near the New Salem Methodist Church. The interesting thing about the site of this marker is that it used to be a campsite for an Indian Tribe and was referred to as the "Trail of Death". Donelan presented an old newspaper article citing this particular campsite. There are a total of four historical marker locations within Sangamon County. Donelan spoke to Curtis Mann at the Sangamon Valley Collection about getting a detailed map of where travel took place through the County and possibly landmarking a trail from marker to marker. Sims noted that this is a great idea and a fascinating story. Sims said that this could be a great project and it is possible that it could be eligible for State tourism dollars so don't hesitate to contact him for assistance.

Schick reiterated that he is working on the commission's Preservation Plan; he will have a draft copy at the June meeting for everyone to look at. Schick also presented the Planning Commission with a framed picture of the pool at the Inn at the Lamplighter. Also, the Robert Morris gallery downtown is featuring photographer Larry Cantor. The gallery is in the Illinois building on the corner of Sixth and Adams.

Jacobson announced that there will be a festival at Clayville May 21st- May 23rd.

Sims noted that in relation to Jacobson's earlier comments, Mike Ashenfelter is not the head of the Building Department. He is an electrical inspector and is currently involved in the new Energy Efficiency Code which is important for this group to know because this code will apply to rehabs. This is important because one of the new challenges we will have dealing with historic property is the potential cost of the additional difficulty of doing these rehabs. This led Sims to his second point of lead paint abatement. The county is currently working through both of these issues. The main challenge will be lead paint on windows and the high costs involved with window replacement. The next step is to educate the public on what steps to take involving rehab of their historic homes.

Pell announced that the Pied Piper Architectural walking tour will take place the first Wednesday of June through October. The 11th Annual Upper Story Tour is Thursday, May 6th from 5-8pm.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the May meeting. Jacobson seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Johnson

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
June 2, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Elaine Funk	x	
Jerry Jacobson		
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman		
Norm Sims	x	
Barry Wood	x	
Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the May meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jim Donelan and was seconded by Randy Schick. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: Pell announced that Schick has drafted a Historic Preservation Plan for purposes of the CLG application. The draft plan highlights approximately ten objectives of the Commission including responsibilities of membership and current activities. Pell will email the plan to each member asking any comments to be submitted in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced that he met with the Buffalo Fire Chief, Mike Thompson, regarding the letter that was received from IHPA regarding an old house that was donated to the fire district for training purposes. Pell visited the house and showed the Commission many different pictures of the house, inside and out. The purpose of the letter from IHPA is that the project cannot move forward until some comment has been received from this group, indicating the house is ultimately landmarkable or not. It was believed that this property is a twelve mile house, but Pell is not sure at this point. Pell noted that in his meeting, Thompson it was made clear that this project is in no hurry and the house still needs to have asbestos removed from it. Pell indicated that this group needs to have a plan of attack and draft a letter to IHPA with comments. Pell said he plans to contact the Sangamon Valley Collection and ask Curtin Mann about twelve mile houses in general or anything about this particular property in general. Pell noted in between now and the next meeting he will contact the Sangamon Valley Collection and begin to formulate a letter to IHPA.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Pell noted that he went on a journey with Schick and a friend (of Schick) to a twelve mile house at 10961 State Route 124. He does not have this particular property in survey form but will get it added. Pell presented numerous pictures of the property. Pell noted they met the owner who seemed interested in learning more about landmarking.

Schick presented a map that was drafted by George Tinkham of the Lincoln Circuit Route Map. Tinkham is currently urging IDOT to publish this as a multi-county map which is a 400 mile circuit of the markers placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Norm Sims noted that this is an attractive project that is historic and educational. Additionally, it serves multiple counties and could generate grant and tourism dollars and has much potential.

Barry Wood started a survey for a cemetery owned by the Foutch family in far western Sangamon County. After looking at the plat book, Wood noticed that there are people with the same last name that currently live out there. The cemetery is quite small and everyone seems to be related.

Sims announced that the landmarking for the Sangamon County Ordnance Plant water tower has cleared the Public, Health, Safety and Zoning Committee. The resolution should be passed at the next County Board meeting. Sims noted that there was concern voiced in the Committee meeting about landmarked properties not being properly maintained. Also, he is having a hard time locating the historic bridge list that Jerry Jacobson had referred to at the May meeting. Sims did find out that the Bolivia Bridge is a township bridge and will be replaced when funding is received (which is estimated at 2 million dollars). Sims would estimate that the project is not going anywhere anytime soon.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the June meeting. Funk seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
July 7, 2010

Members Present (x):	Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
	James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
	Elaine Funk	x	
	Jerry Jacobson	x	
	Brian Reardon		
	Randy Schick	x	
	Robert Sherman		
	Norm Sims	x	
	Barry Wood	x	
	Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the June meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jim Donelan and was seconded by Barry Wood. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell noted the commission has a new commissioner in Brian Reardon who notified Pell he would be unable to make his first meeting due to previously planned family vacation. He will be at our August meeting.

Pell announced that he sent the Historic Preservation Plan to the Commission via email and has requested comments and/or questions. Pell had not received any feedback but still welcomed Commissioners comments. Norm Sims added that the question marks, particularly on page 3, should be removed. Pell indicated that this document will be a great asset to the CLG application, which will be submitted before the August meeting.

Pell has had a conversation with Mike Ashenfelter from the Sangamon County Building Department. Ashenfelter indicated that they have a list of our survey sites and Pell discussed how the survey/list can change over time. Pell also discussed with Ashenfelter the hierarchy at Public Health and the changes that the Building Department is currently undergoing. Ashenfelter indicated that he will keep Pell informed if anything on the survey overlaps with building permits. Jerry Jacobson asked if the Commission has seen a copy of the survey list. Staff will email a copy of the current survey list to the Commission. Pell asked if it is possible to get the surveys online. Staff will look into this.

Pell announced that since the last Commission meeting the Sangamon Ordnance Plant Water Tower was approved for County landmark status at the most recent County Board meeting. The committee that reviews action items from our commission to take before the County Board raised a mild level of concern for the maintenance of this particular landmark; therefore, it would be appropriate to discuss this type of issue in the future.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Randy Schick announced that the DAR is getting involved with the Lincoln markers circuit. Two of the markers need replaced as they are in disrepair. The DAR has recently refurbished some markers. The circuit map is still in the works, and a committee with all interested parties should be formed in order to make route decisions.

Barry Wood presented a survey for the Foutch Family Cemetery, which is part of the Harold Peters farm located at County roads 45 and 16.55 west. Wood asked if anyone had surveyed the Caldwell Mansion in the past because, if not, it would be in his scope. Schick noted that he has surveyed this property before.

Jerry Jacobson announced that Ron Ladley, a Springfield Historic Sites Commissioner, has given him a copy of an architectural style CD and the Secretary of Standards for Rehabilitation. The Commission will circulate the CD's until everyone has viewed them.

Pell reminded everyone that the July Pied Piper Architectural Walking Tour is tonight at 5:30p.m. and will conclude with an "ice cream social" at the Pasfield House.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the July meeting. Funk seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
August 4, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Jerry Jacobson		
Brian Reardon	x	
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman	x	
Norm Sims	x	
Barry Wood	x	
Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the July meeting minutes. Robert Sherman noted that on the second page, second paragraph “replacing” should be replaced with “replaced”. A motion was made to approved the amended minutes by Jim Donelan and was seconded by Barry Wood. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman’s Report/Comments: Pell welcomed new commissioner, Brian Reardon. Reardon introduced himself to the group and is looking forward to serving.

Pell announced that the CLG application is complete and just needs to be delivered to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He will complete this task before the September meeting, and will try to email everyone a copy.

The house in Dawson that is currently under question of demolition by the Buffalo Fire Protection District was featured in the latest Illinois Times. Pell has contacted the Sangamon Valley Collection about any information on twelve mile houses. Pell found out that there is limited information available. Pell explained that the Illinois Historic Preservation Commission (IHPA) has given the decision to this Commission on whether or not demolition of this house in Dawson should occur. Pell noted that we have to look to our ordinance for guidance and this house is probably not worthy of landmarking in its current condition. Pell will draft a letter and email it to everyone for approval before he sends it to IHPA. Norm Sims noted that the Commission should focus on three things: 1) is the history of the structure clear 2) would this property be landmarkable with the rules outlined in the ordinance and 3) is the structure in such a condition that it was when it had value.

Pell informed everyone of Randy Schick's article in the SJ-R concerning the Lincoln markers circuit map. It was a great article and if anyone has not seen it, be sure to read it.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Sherman announced that he spent most of the weekend driving around his townships. He looked at 4 cemeteries (3 were in good shape and 1 was in poor shape). He took pictures, drove the township roads and took notes. He plans to get the cemeteries into survey form by the next meeting.

Jim Donelan indicated that since Phil Chiles has left the Commission, Clayville has not been discussed. Donelan suggested that since the site is under new ownership, approaching them with discussions of landmarking might be a good idea. Pell agreed and noted that this would continue the positive press Clayville has seen in recent months.

Barry Wood took pictures of Lick Creek Bridge and submitted a survey form to staff. This bridge is still in use and is in Curran Township.

Sims recommended to the Commission to review the Lincoln Home Site master plan (specifically option #2). Sims submitted staff comment, and thinks it would be worthwhile for the Commission to take part. Public comment is open until August 18th. Some focus includes adaptive reuse of buildings and focus on 9th Street. Pedestrian and bicycle travel was not touched upon.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the August meeting. Schick seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
September 1, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Jerry Jacobson	x	
Brian Reardon	x	
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman	x	
Norm Sims	x	
Barry Wood		
Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the August meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the August minutes by Jim Donelan and was seconded by Brian Reardon. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced he is in the process of writing a letter to IHPA (via the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission - see below) regarding the house in Buffalo. If anyone did not see it, there was an article in the Illinois Times since the last meeting. Pell noted that he has spoken to all parties involved and indicated the owners of the house are willing to donate it to the fire department for burn training. They also wish to continue to farm the property the house sits on. Pell spoke to the Sangamon Valley Collection about twelve mile houses and they do not have much information. They indicated it might be helpful to speak to Terri Cameron, the webmaster for the Illinois Historical Society. It is believed that she may have done research on twelve mile houses. Pell asked Reardon to contact her. This Commission needs to determine if there is any merit in this house in Buffalo. Pell asked Norm Sims if the letter should be written to Sims and the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission and then forwarded to IHPA. Sims agreed. Jerry Jacobson said he has spoken to the Mayor of Buffalo and was informed that the Mayor and his wife are both historians. Jacobson made a request to the Mayor that Mike Thompson, fire chief for Buffalo, hold off on the burn. Jacobson also called Anne Haaker of IHPA and she indicated that EPA denied their permit to burn. Sims said that if IHPA sees this house as historically significant then they need to share with this Commission their basis of landmarking. Sims also noted this Commission needs to remember that if the property owner wants to demolish the house, they are allowed to do so. Also, we need to get a process in place on the basis of how we'll respond to similar requests in the

future. Pell agreed and noted that there is no question that this house should be on a survey. The question is whether or not it is landmarkable and if this house has merit. It remains an interesting story and we will move forward.

Pell displayed a map of Sangamon County he had requested from staff, displaying concentric circles twelve miles apart with the point of beginning at the Old State Capitol. It is interesting to note that the Buffalo house and another house on Pell's survey believed to be a twelve mile house have a certain proximity to the circles.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Pell displayed a survey for a twelve mile house in Fancy Creek and has a Williamsville address. He plans to send staff a copy. Pell also attempted to display a survey of the Lick Creek Bridge completed by Barry Wood, but encountered some technical difficulties. Staff will email this survey to the Commission.

Jacobson is waiting to hear from Tim Zahn, the Sangamon County engineer, about the Bolivia Bridge. Jacobson indicated that Zahn is applying in for grants and has contacted the Department of Natural Resources about possibly moving the bridge to a permanent location in Conservation World at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

Robert Sherman does not have anything new to report, although he plans to get with staff about how to fill in surveys. He noted that there will be a great program on TV about barns sometime in September.

Randy Schick noted that he is still working on the DAR trail. He also discovered a house on the south side of Woodside Road that is 156 years old and will add it to the survey.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the September meeting. Sherman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
October 6, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Jerry Jacobson		
Brian Reardon	x	
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman	x	
Norm Sims		
Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the September meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the September minutes by Jim Donelan and was seconded by Brian Reardon. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: No new business.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell noted that as of right now, comments on the Buffalo House are moot. IHPA has informed the Buffalo Fire Protection District that the permit to burn was denied. This will allow this Commission more time to research the house and ultimately could see if there is interest in saving this property. Pell noted that the Illinois Times is probably planning to do a follow-up article as they contacted him.

Brian Reardon said that the woman he was to be in touch with regarding twelve mile houses and stagecoach stops is out of town. Her name is Terri Cameron and he did receive a positive response from his initial contact with her. He noted that she is willing to share her research with us and this is something he is looking forward to. Reardon said he will email her again next week to make contact.

Pell also noted that Clayville had a successful festival, which is now owned by the Pleasant Plains Historical Society. He asked Jim Donelan to make contact with the Mayor of Pleasant Plains, as this could potentially be our next landmark, to determine actual ownership status and to get an update in general. Clayville has received a lot of press lately, and this could be an opportunity to give it even more. Donelan agreed that a meeting with the Mayor would be a good idea and he will get in touch with the group (probably via the mayor). Bob Sherman noted that there will be an Illinois Stories on Clayville so be on the look out.

Pell mentioned that Jerry Jacobson is not at the meeting; however he did send an email regarding Bolivia Bridge. Staff read his email that stated "...an enhancement application has been submitted to preserve the Bolivia Bridge, in Lanesville Twp, and the county highway dept says they expect to hear the results before Election Day. They are still waiting to hear from Natural Resources Dept as to feasibility of moving the bridge to Conservation World at the State Fairgrounds."

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Donelan asked the group for their opinion on the Patawami Trail, a site he has referred to in the past. He asked if landmarking the entire trail through Sangamon County would be a good idea or be site specific with landmarking a "campsite." Donelan is concerned that there is a gray area in the history. Pell noted that he is an advocate for landmarking the trail especially if history can pinpoint things, like the campground. Pell suggested locating the sites along the existing road and piece together a map. Sherman noted that this could be much bigger than Sangamon County. Randy Schick thinks we need to focus on a site at a time and getting into the entire trail is much bigger than this Commission. Reardon agreed, and noted that landmarking site specific locations with a plaque and then stringing together the sites would be a good idea. Donelan noted that the site at Riddle Hill would be the first to landmark.

Schick said that he took a trip with George Tinkham towards the southeast part of the County and found a marker where Lincoln gave a speech on temperance. They found a nice route and it will end up on the map in progress.

Sherman announced that tonight at 6:30pm Illinois Stories (WSEC) will feature Adams County barns.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: Pell noted that the last Pied Piper Architectural walking tour is tonight. Also, Pell called Mike Ward with IHPA to check on the CLG application status. Ward indicated that he needed another week or so to review it.

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Sherman made a motion to adjourn the October meeting. Reardon seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
November 3, 2010

Members Present (x): Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
James Donelan, Vice-Chairman	x	
Jerry Jacobson	x	
Anthony Mares	x	
Brian Reardon	x	
Randy Schick	x	
Robert Sherman	x	
Norm Sims	x	
Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chuck Pell noted that the meeting could not be called to order at 400 pm because a quorum had not been met. Pell announced that a new member, Anthony Mares, has joined the group for his first meeting. Mares introduced himself to the group and everyone welcomed him. A few minutes after 400 pm, a quorum became present and Pell called the meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the October meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the October minutes by Robert Sherman and was seconded by Randy Schick. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: Sherman asked Jim Donelan about the Clayville Festival. Donelan indicated the event was a success, and he spoke to the Mayor of Pleasant Plains about the site. Donelan plans to attend their board meeting on November 16th at 7pm to speak with them about what this group has to offer. Donelan said they seem very interested and Pell noted this would be one more positive opportunity for Clayville.

Jerry Jacobson announced that this group owes Pell congratulations for his statewide architecture award from Landmarks Illinois for the Chautauqua Pavilion in Pana, Illinois. Pell thanked Jacobson.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell announced that he spoke with Mike Ward at IHPA about a week ago regarding the CLG application. Although it wasn't in the original application request, they would like to see copies of the resolutions for the four landmarks and their nomination forms. Pell noted that Ward seemed very positive regarding this application and things are looking good. Pell felt confident by next month this group should be classified as a CLG.

There seems to be some lingering confusion regarding the previously mentioned house in Buffalo. Pell received a call from Mike Thompson, the Buffalo fire chief, who indicated they were waiting for our letter of recommendation on what to do with this house. Pell believed

that IHPA denied the permit and has placed a call into Anne Haacker to hopefully clear up some confusion. Pell indicated that we owe a response to someone at this point. Brian Reardon said he has not heard from the woman who apparently had done research on twelve mile houses and will be in contact with her soon. Jacobson suggested the property be donated to a not-for-profit, such as the Heritage Foundation, and be eligible for a tax credit. Jacobson suggested Pell write a letter to make contact with the representative for the house regarding donating the property. Norm Sims suggest that a list of interested parties be gathered and a decision to move forward needs to be made. It is important to set some level of precedence in the event that something of this nature would come before this group in the future. Sims stressed that this body needs to decide how it will handle requests like this; Pell will continue to attempt to get ahold of Anne Haacker at IHPA.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Jacobson noted that Robert Sherman's appearance on Illinois Stories about barns was well done. He announced that the transportation enhancement application that was submitted for Bolivia Bridge by the County Highway Department was denied. Jacobson stressed that we are running out of options to save this bridge but he is not giving up. He noted that the best thing as of right now is that the county Highway Department does not have the funds to tear it down. Jacobson passed out a booklet that IDOT published on the guidelines for photographing historic structures. This is a great resource with a glossary and index with architectural types and names that could be helpful with surveys. The group thanked Jacobson for the books.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Donelan made a motion to adjourn the November meeting. Sherman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
December 1, 2010

Members Present (x):	Chuck Pell, Chairman	x	Others:
	James Donelan, Vice-Chairman		
	Jerry Jacobson	x	
	Anthony Mares	x	
	Brian Reardon	x	
	Randy Schick	x	(permission to attend another meeting representing SCHPC)
	Robert Sherman	x	
	Norm Sims		
	Abby Bybee, SSCRPC staff	x	

Chairman Chuck Pell called the December meeting to order.

Pell entertained a motion for approval of the November meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the November minutes, with grammatical changes from Jerry Jacobson, by Robert Sherman and was seconded by Jacobson. The vote to approve was unanimous.

New Business: Pell finished answering Anthony Mares' questions before the meeting was called to order regarding potential tax benefits for landmarked properties. Pell suggested that a matrix be put together touching on different scenarios for different properties. Pell noted that Mares' asked if there was any incentive to the owner in landmarking property, other than a plaque. The answer is yes, but it depends, such as real estate tax abatement. Ultimately, if any of the sites that are on the National Register are locally landmarked then they already have a potential for tax credit dollars. Brian Reardon asked if the property taxes would be reduced or if a rebate would be issued. Pell noted that it is similar to a tax freeze for eight years and, over a period of four year, it climbs back up. The other question that Mares asked is if this group is reaching out to other municipalities and townships. Pell noted that this was done early on, but this is a good opportunity to rejuvenate this as most of the Commission members are fairly new. It would be beneficial to attend township meetings to introduce Commission members and reach out to local municipalities. Jerry Jacobson noted that IHPA has a helpful fact sheet about landmarking and he would be willing to get some to hand out at the January meeting.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Pell intends to send a letter to Norm regarding the house in Buffalo and each Commission member will get a copy. To bring everyone up to speed, there is a house in Buffalo whose ownership has approximately 250 acres around the house. It is managed by Heartland Ag Group who is based in Forsyth, IL. The parties involved are IEPA and IHPA. Anne Haaker, the deputy state historic preservation office, sent a letter in April to

Mike Thompson, the Buffalo Fire Chief, indicating at the time that she wanted to get comments back from the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Norm Sims then forwarded the letter to this Commission seeking comment. After the letter from Haaker was sent to Thompson, a letter from IEPA was then sent to Thompson denying their permit to burn. Pell has since contacted Jeremy Crouch, the farm manager at Heartland Ag Group. Pell asked him if the owner is willing to give the property over to somebody who is willing to move it and if not, is the owner willing to carve out an acre to sell or donate to a not-for-profit, e.g. a group like the Heritage Foundation in Springfield. Crouch indicated that their desires are to not carve out an acre to sell or donate as they feel it would be problematic to their future farming plans. The farmers of the property would see this as a possible nuisance with through traffic of large trucks to access the acreage and farm buildings. The only thing they would be somewhat interested in would be to move the structure off the property, if someone would be willing. Pell then spoke to Haaker at IHPA who said that ultimately it is the IHPA opinion that stands, regardless of what the Commission comments are and she indicated that she would not let them burn the house. Pell stressed that the owner is allowed to demolish this house if they wanted, but Haaker indicated that it is not in the State's interest to burn this property. The owner's representative indicated that they know that there are environmental hazards that they are willing to remove for the control burn. However, burning this house is out of the question at this point. Pell will draft a letter to Norm Sims outlining the facts of the situation.

Reardon noted that he had left a message with William Vetter, the Mayor of Buffalo on not only this house but others in the area. Pell noted that this situation will not slow down our research on twelve mile houses. Reardon indicated that he has had trouble getting hold of Terry Cameron, but will continue to try.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None.

Member Reports: Jacobson said that as suggested by Landmarks Illinois if the Bolivia Bridge was nominated as one of the ten most endangered sites in Illinois that the deadline for applications are January 15th. However, Jacobson would not undertake this without full support from the Sangamon County Highway Department. Jacobson also indicated that he has been researching a bridge in Spaulding that is on the historic bridge list. It is a pedestrian bridge located across railroad tracks. It is described by IDOT as the oldest known example of this type of bridge in the whole state of Illinois. Jacobson will continue to do research.

Bob Sherman is about 2/3 done with driving every road in each of his townships. Some are closed so it is difficult to access every one.

Pell has one item to bring next month, a survey of a house in Fancy Prairie Township. Also, Pell noted everyone should have gotten the letter from Mike Ward with IHPA designating this group as a CLG. Pell said that IHPA sent something to the County Board office to sign and he has had one email correspondence with Brian McFadden indicating that this would be done. We still owe IHPA the nomination form for the Brunk Farmstead which Pell will do as soon as he locates it.

Staff Reports: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the December meeting. Sherman seconded this motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Abby Bybee