

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**January 4, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Gabe Chiaro  
Jim Donelan  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims

**Members Absent:** Jerry Jacobson

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** none

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the January meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the December minutes. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Commissioner Randy Schick and was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Mares. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** As a reminder, Chairman Pell announced that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has a program started about five years called SDAT (Sustainability Design Assessment Team) and follows somewhat on the successful heels of the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) on which he served on the steering committee ten years ago. Chairman Pell will be co-chairing SDAT Springfield that will focus on the core of the community and sustainable living with rehabilitation of historical resources as a (possible) component. There will be a press conference next week at the Illinois National Bank conference center. The SDAT team will hopefully be in Springfield in March, April or May of 2012.

Chairman Pell extended his condolences on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission to the family of Dave Kiliman, who passed away in October. Dave was instrumental in the formation of this Commission and was an asset to our community.

Chairman Pell reminded the Commission to continue survey work. He also announced that the Downtown Springfield Inc. (DSI) annual dinner will be held January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton. The cost is \$60/seat and please contact Victoria at DSI if interested.

**Old Business:** Norm Sims announced that the Open Meetings Act training is now available on the Illinois Attorney General website. All members of a public body, which includes this Commission, are now required by State law (as of January 1, 2012) to complete the training and completion certificates can be filed with the Regional Planning Commission office. Subsequent to this meeting Norm/Abby will send additional information to the commissioners to instruct them how to access the training; there is not a fee to do this training.

**New Business:** None.

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

**Member Reports:** Bob Sherman noted that he is planning to go look at a barn with Commissioner Schick and additionally a few with Commissioner Donelan.

Commissioner Mares reported that he is taking more pictures of additional sites that he plans to share in the coming months.

Commissioner Chiaro requested additional information about his townships for surveying.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Donelan made a motion to adjourn the January meeting with Commissioner Sherman seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**February 1, 2012**

**Members Present:** Gabe Chiaro  
Jim Donelan, Vice-Chairman  
Jerry Jacobson  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims

**Members Absent:** Chuck Pell, Chair

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** none

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Vice-Chairman Donelan called the February meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Vice-Chairman Donelan entertained a motion to approve the January minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bob Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Mares. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** There is no report as Chairman Chuck Pell is absent.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Commissioner Jerry Jacobson presented a list of structures that are deemed uninhabitable and dangerous by the Sangamon County Department of Public Health that are located in unincorporated Sangamon County. Ultimately, the Department of Public Health has informed the owners of the structures to make them safe and to fix them accordingly, and if not then they will be demolished. Commissioner Jacobson strongly urged Commissioners to drive by and at least look at each property in case there is something noteworthy. Vice-Chairman Donelan agreed, and assigned each structure on the list to the present Commissioners to drive by, take pictures, and email Jacobson with a brief report on each assigned property.

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

**Member Reports:** Bob Sherman announced that he will be attending the National Barn Alliance meeting in Columbus, Ohio and in March he will be traveling to the Michigan State Barn Conference.

Commissioner Donelan noted that he and Commissioner Sherman will be barn hunting in the coming weeks.

**Staff Reports:** Norm Sims urged Commissioners to complete the Open Meetings Act training if not already completed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Vice-Chairman Donelan entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gabe Chiaro made a motion to adjourn the February meeting with Commissioner Jacobson seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**March 7, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Gabe Chiaro  
Jim Donelan, Vice-Chairman  
Jerry Jacobson  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims

**Members Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** Samuel P. Wheeler, Sangamon County Historical Society

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the March meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the February minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bob Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Jim Donelan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell reminded the group to complete the Open Meetings Act training test if you haven't done so already and shared his Certificate of Completion he had emailed to Abby and Norm.

Chairman Pell welcomed guest speaker, Samuel P. Wheeler to the meeting. Wheeler introduced himself and thanked the group for allowing him to speak. Wheeler, who is a full time research associate for the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, will serve a part time contractual role for the Sangamon County Historical Society (SCHS) and gave a brief background on the SCHS and discussed three initiatives that are currently in the works. The first is incorporating art and history (there will be an event September 8 they hope to become annual), the second is aiding schools in finding out how the school got it's name, and the third initiative is writing a 21<sup>st</sup> century Sangamon County history book. Pell noted that a 1935 history, The Sangamon Country, has recently aided him on a project and sometimes even history books have inaccuracies that it would be beneficial to update; he noted that this his book is a 1965 reprint of the original.

**Old Business:** The Commission gave their reports on the findings of the buildings on the Sangamon County Public Health dangerous building list that was obtained and presented by Commissioner Jerry Jacobson at the February meeting.

**New Business:** No new business.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Donelan presented pictures of three different barns that he and fellow Commissioner Sherman visited over the last month as well as an example of Greek revival residential architecture on Route 125 (toward Pleasant Plains).

Commissioner Jacobson announced that he discovered a couple an old cemeteries in the County and plans to present pictures at the April meeting.

Chairman Pell presented a survey of the old wooden pedestrian bridge (formerly one that was driven across) in Spaulding.

**Staff Reports:** Norm Sims urged Commissioners to complete the Open Meetings Act training if not already completed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Donelan made a motion to adjourn the March meeting with Commissioner Mares seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**April 4, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Jim Donelan, Vice-Chairman  
Jerry Jacobson  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims

**Members Absent:** Gabe Chiaro

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** None

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the April meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the March minutes with changes submitted by Commissioner Jacobson and Commissioner Bob Sherman. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Anthony Mares and was seconded by Commissioner Jim Donelan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell meant to bring a survey of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Italianate house on Passfield Road, east of Rochester. He does not have a picture, but will bring a completed survey to the May meeting. Commissioner Sherman inquired about the Stone House in Rochester. Chairman Pell noted that this is a historic element and there is no question this house should be on our survey, even though it has been moved. Commissioner Sherman also noted that there is a house and barn on Buckhart Road, just east of the tavern that would be worth looking at to include on the survey.

Chairman Pell announced that he has not had time to call Brian McFadden about filling the two vacant spots within this Commission. Pell noted he will find time to call before the May meeting.

Chairman Pell noted that Staff received a letter from The United States Department of Interior that is very generic that is requesting assistance in reporting the accomplishments of the "national historic preservation partnership." The letter requests a list of the significant properties designated or protected under our local laws. The time-frame for completion of the letter is passed, however Chairman Pell will email the contact given in the letter and complete the form as necessary.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Jacobson announced that he has not had a chance to talk to Jim Stone since the last meeting regarding the demolition delay of the houses that Commissioner Gabe Chiaro inspected. Chairman Pell noted that one of the houses Commissioner Jacobson had referred to as an I-house and Pell had questioned based on the (low) slope of the roof was found by Chiaro to be a house built in the 1950s, 1960s or 1970s. Chairman Pell mentioned that Commissioner Chiaro should be in attendance to inform the Commission on what exactly he learned of the property, so hopefully he will at the May meeting. Chairman Pell asked if we have

any signals on whether or not Public Health is demolishing any of the structures on the list. Commissioner Jacobson is unaware, but will put a call into Jim Stone before the May meeting.

**New Business:** No new business.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Jacobson visited two old cemeteries in Clearlake Township. One was late 19<sup>th</sup> century with only one gravestone and wasn't worth pursuing. The other supposedly had a gravestone dated to 1832. Commissioner Jacobson contacted the Township Assessor's office and they informed him the site was not especially accessible. They took about 40 pictures and emailed them to Commissioner Jacobson. All of the gravestones, except for one, have been replaced with modern granite markers. Commissioner Jacobson noted that this cemetery might be eligible for the survey, but definitely not landmark status.

Commissioner Sherman is working in Talkington Township and he noticed an old elevator. Sherman is concerned there is not much to do with an old elevator right on the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Jacobson encouraged his fellow commissioners to get out and survey.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Randy Schick made a motion to adjourn the April meeting with Commissioner Sherman seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**May 2, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Jim Donelan, Vice-Chairman  
Gabe Chiaro  
Jerry Jacobson  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** None

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the May meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the April minutes with changes submitted by Commissioner Jacobson. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bob Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Jim Donelan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell announced that May 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> a team sponsored by the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) will be in Springfield. Chairman Pell is a co-chair of this event along with fellow co-chair Lisa Stott, Deputy Director at DCEO. The steering committee has been meeting since January and this is a group similar in some ways to the group that visited Springfield ten years ago, the Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT). There will be seven professionals that will visit Springfield and provide findings and recommendations about getting people to use the core of the City and help solve the "missing persons problem" we have. Chairman Pell encouraged the Commission to attend a public forum on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hoogland center as well as a public presentation by the team on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in which they will present findings and recommendations.

Chairman Pell did not have time to survey the home on Passfield Road, but he indicated he intends to do this for next month.

Chairman Pell noted that he spoke with the County Administrator, Brian McFadden and there are two open seats within this Commission and there are hopes to be filling them sooner rather than later.

There was some correspondence from the National Parks Service regarding an updated list of historic landmarks from last month and Chairman Pell has sent an email and has not heard back.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Gabe Chiaro announced that the house he had inspected off of Clearlake that had been on the list of dangerous buildings put out by Public Health is not as old as some thought, as it was built in the 1950s. Commissioner Jacobson noted that he spoke with Jim Stone at Public Health and all of the houses have been demolished.

**New Business:** No new business.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Chiaro passed around a picture of a house within the City of Springfield that was built in 1844. Chairman Pell noted that this house is in Aristocracy Hill and should be on the Springfield Historic Sites Commission survey.

Commissioner Jacobson encouraged everyone to do their survey work. He also displayed pictures from Taylor Cemetery which merits a survey form and hopes to submit before the June meeting.

Commissioner Randy Schick said he plans to survey a house on Mansion Road. Pell noted that there is a very unique bridge near Mansion Road and not sure it was previously surveyed by former Commissioner Barry Wood.

Commissioner Sherman is working on the Sulphur Springs Cemetery. He had been at the National Barn Alliance meeting in Ohio. They worked on a survey form for rural structures that Ohio used. Worthwhile meeting and met some great folks.

Norm Sims announced that there is a renewed interest within the City of Springfield in Route 66. Sims noted that Route 66 extends beyond the city limits and he urged the Commission to begin looking at structures constructed within that period and get them surveyed and even landmarked.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Anthony Mares made a motion to adjourn the May meeting with Commissioner Chiaro seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**June 6, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Jim Donelan, Vice-Chairman  
Jerry Jacobson  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman

**Members Absent:** Gabe Chiaro  
Norm Sims

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** None

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the June meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the June minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Jim Donelan and was seconded by Commissioner Robert Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell received a call from an owner in Sangamon County that has a forty acre farm with a residential structure that has fallen apart and is not salvageable. The owner indicated that they are interested in possibly salvaging some items from the site, but would have to go about it in an appropriate and safe way. Chairman Pell wanted the Commission to be aware that we might run into situations that like this with uninhabitable houses that have some salvageable value associated with them. Commissioner Jerry Jacobson noted that there is an organization in Champaign named PACA (Preservation and Conservation Association) that he believes collects and sells architectural features from houses. Commissioner Sherman agreed, and indicated he has been many times. He suggested to Chairman Pell to contact this group and the owner of the farm in Sangamon County.

Chairman Pell presented a survey of the house at 5200 Passfield Road in Cooper Township. He noted that the residential structure, outbuilding and landscape are all very well maintained.

Chairman Pell announced that the two open vacancies on this Commission are in the process of being filled, as they will be going to County Board for approval next month. He anticipates the new Commission members at the August meeting.

Chairman Pell reminded the group that the first Wednesday of every month from May-October is the Pied Piper Architectural Walking Tour led by Anthony Rubano of IHPA. The tour begins at 5:30 pm and runs until October.

**Old Business:** Chairman Pell announced that there is a project in the works at Clayville to restore the 2-level porch structures and will hopefully be complete by the end of August. Commissioner Donelan asked if the folks at Clayville would be more receptive to landmarking upon completion of the project. Chairman Pell noted he has not approached the issue, but will do so at the right time.

**New Business:** No new business.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Jacobson presented a survey of Taylor Cemetery that he had presented pictures of last month, but completed the form since.

Commissioner Anthony Mares is currently working on a survey for a cemetery and a barn.

Commissioner Randy Schick noted that he didn't find anything on Mansion Road and asked staff to send him a survey of a bridge that former Commissioner Barry Wood completed a couple of years ago.

Commissioner Sherman went to a lecture at Bradley University that involved a barn tour that went very well.

Commissioner Jacobson noted that it may be time to review the survey form and Commissioner Pell noted it was always meant to be dynamic and should be changed or updated regularly to accommodate the Commission's requirements.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjourn:** Before Chairman Pell entertained a motion, he reminded everyone that the next meeting will not be the first Wednesday of July as this falls on a holiday but is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sherman made a motion to adjourn the June meeting with Commissioner Mares seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**July 11, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Jerry Jacobson  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims

**Members Absent:** Gabe Chiaro  
Jim Donelan, Vice-Chairman

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** None

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the July meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the July minutes. A motion to approve the minutes, with a change noted by Commissioner Robert Sherman, was made by Commissioner Randy Schick and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell noted that he had mentioned at the June meeting about an architectural salvage store in Champaign-Urbana called PACA that takes donated materials from old homes. He did not end up visiting this particular place, but did find a place in Bloomington called the Old House Society (OHS) that has a very impressive stock of historic items and materials. It is a non-for-profit organization that has two paid staff members. Pell urged the Commission to visit the OHS as it is well worth the drive. Norm Sims said that locally, Habitat for Humanity could be interested in expanding their interests to mimic something like this. Chairman Pell agreed and he will call Sarah Mackey with Habitat for Humanity before the next meeting. Pell will also contact a representative from the OHS to provide information regarding how they are set up.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Commissioner Jacobson announced that tonight at 7pm at the Research Center Museum there will be a talk by arborist Guy Sternberg. He will be discussing cemeteries of Menard County. Commissioner Jacobson urged everyone to attend.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Jacobson talked to David Mendenhall, the County Board member that represents his townships. Commissioner Jacobson noted that he gave leads on an old brick residence in Lanesville Township and a building used as an elevator weight stop/scales for farmers. Commissioner Jacobson presented pictures of the two structures and submitted a survey for the residence.

Commissioner Sherman is taking lots of pictures in his townships and still working on survey forms.

Commissioner Schick presented a picture of a bridge that is across Lick Creek that is currently on the IDOT historic bridge list, and wanted to know if a part of Route 66. Commissioner Schick also noted that he has followed up with the folks involved with Irwin Bridge and he does not believe they are interested in landmarking.

Commissioner Tony Mares has taken pictures of a barn and a site in Leland Grove of a Revolutionary grave. He plans to send the pictures to Chairman Pell, who reminded Commissioner Mares that this group has the option of entering into an inter-governmental agreement with Leland Grove in order to landmark structures and sites within their jurisdiction. Chairman Pell pointed out that the Leland farm house at Willamore and Wiggins is also an appropriate structure to landmark, which would also require an inter-governmental agreement.

**Staff Reports:** Norm Sims announced that he hopes everyone was aware of the efforts to restore the original Firehouse #5 at 1310 East Adams. For more than 50 years the station housed Springfield Fire Department's African-America battalion. Since 1970, the building has been owned by the Masons, who have used it for meetings and gatherings. Last week, the group announced an effort to bring the old station back to its 1901 appearance. Sims said it is important to note that a private sector coalition has pulled resources together for a historic effort.

Sims also urged this group to think about and seriously consider joint efforts with the City and explore opportunities to work together. This would provide outreach and constituency building as well as build an active base of public interest.

Sims wanted to make the group aware of the Lincoln Funeral Reenactment, which is scheduled for May 2015. Sims urged the group to consider doing a resolution of support for the event.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mares made a motion to adjourn the July meeting with Commissioner Sherman seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**August 1, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Gabe Chiaro  
Darryl Jones  
Anthony Mares  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:** Jerry Jacobson  
Marilyn Herbert  
Randy Schick

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** None

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the August meeting to order.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell noted that he is moving the Chairman's Report before the Approval of Minutes because we have three new members that have been appointed to the Commission and it would seem appropriate to have introductions before the approval of minutes takes place. Dean Williams introduced himself as the owner of Dean Williams Production Company, a board member of the Center for American Archeologists and the Executive Director the Central Illinois Film Commission. Commissioner Williams thanked everyone for the opportunity. Darryl Jones introduced himself to the Commission and indicated he has been an interior designer for 25 years and formerly a board member of MERCY Communities. Chairman Pell welcomed the new Commissioners to the group and indicated that the third new Commissioner is Marilyn Herbert who was not in attendance. Chairman Pell also indicated that Commissioner Williams is replacing the vacancy by former Commissioner Brian Reardon, Commissioner Jones is replacing the vacancy by former Commissioner Jim Donelan, and Commissioner Herbert is replacing the vacancy by former Commissioner Barry Wood. Chairman Pell also noted that the Commission is at the full nine-member capacity. Chairman Pell gave a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities outlined in our ordinance. He noted that the Commission is continually surveying the County for historic resources. Chairman Pell also informed the new members that they will need to complete the Open Meetings Act Training, which needs to be completed within 90 days.

Chairman Pell had spoken about the Old House Society in Bloomington at the July meeting and indicated at that time he would speak to Sarah Mackey with Habitat about mirroring something similar to this organization in Springfield. Chairman Pell indicated that Mackey was very warm to the idea. Chairman Pell believes this opportunity has great potential in Springfield and if any other Commissioners have any other examples of a similar group to bring forward those ideas.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the August minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Robert Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Mares. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Commissioner Sherman announced that there was a fire on Buckhart Road in Cooper Township about a week ago and he drove out to make sure the Bartletti Italianate house and barn were okay, which they were. He took pictures and displayed them for everyone to see. Commissioner Sherman also informed Commissioner Mares about a house in Rochester at 226 Main Street that may be worth investigating.

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

**Member Reports:** Norm Sims noted that he mentioned at the July meeting about the Lincoln Funeral Reenactment to be held in the spring 2015. Sims noted that Katie Spindell who is heading this up is willing to come and talk to this Commission to discuss the event. She is currently obtaining resolutions of support for the event from various groups and may seek one from our commission.

Commissioner Sherman went by the Brunk Farmstead and took pictures. He noted that the barn is a Dutch design and the house is stone with brick. Chairman Pell indicated that their not-for-profit organization owns the farmstead. Commissioner Sherman also noted that on August 25<sup>th</sup> he is giving a talk in Albany, NY on Dutch barns.

Commissioner Williams announced that on August 23<sup>rd</sup> he will be doing a presentation on the Charles Power Farm at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Presidential Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Staff Reports:** Staff noted that Commissioner Randy Schick, who is absent today, submitted a survey of the Stonegate property, which Chairman Pell displayed for the group. Sims urged the group to approach the Barker's about landmarking this property as he believes they would be very open to do so.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gabe Chiaro made a motion to adjourn the August meeting with Commissioner Mares seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**September 5, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Jerry Jacobson  
Darryl Jones  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:** Gabe Chiaro  
Marilyn Herbert

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** None

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the September meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the September minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Robert Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Mares. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell reminded the new members to complete the Open Meetings Act training and forward the completed certificate to staff. This needs to be done within 90 days of appointment. Pell will verify whether or not those commission members that have been reappointed have to retake the training or not.

Chairman Pell welcomed Katie Spindell, with the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition. She thanked the group for allowing her to talk and gave a brief presentation describing the event that is coming to Springfield April-May 2015. The mission of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition is to educate, coordinate, and promote the accurate and dignified reenactment of the historic anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Funeral in Springfield. Chairman Pell thanked Spindell for the presentation and assured her this Commission will be in touch to offer support.

Chairman Pell mentioned that staff emailed an updated township assignment sheet and wanted to make sure everyone received it. Pell also noted that he plans to reach out to Marilyn Herbert who is a newly appointed Commission member as she has missed the last two meetings.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Chairman Pell asked Mr. Sims if election of the Vice-Chairman was an action item to be placed on the agenda (to conform with the Open Meetings Act) and Sims indicated it does need to be on the agenda before a vote can take place. Pell noted that Commissioner Sherman has requested to fill the slot for Vice-Chairman which will be an action item on the October agenda.

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

**Member Reports:** Chairman Pell displayed a photograph that will be a survey report for the next meeting. Pell needs to contact Commissioner Chiaro regarding this house and needs to gather more information on it. The photograph is of the Park House on Leach Road and Pell noted he is unsure if the house is in unincorporated Sangamon County or in Rochester city limits. He will provide more information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Jacobson displayed various photographs of head stones at the Wilcox cemetery, which is located 1/4 mile southwest of Illiopolis in Illiopolis Township. Jacobson noted that he will be turning in a survey report on this at the next meeting.

Sims announced that we got a message from Catherine O'Connor, with IHPA, announcing that the 2013 Certified Local Government (CLG) matching grant program is now taking applications. Sims noted that for the past two years under this program, IHPA hasn't funded any historic resource inventory surveys and they are opening it up for this purpose again along with planning projects, preparing material for national register listings, public outreach and education. Sims noted that the closing date is close of business November 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a short timeline, but if this group wanted to entertain an application there is certainly plenty of time to do so. There is a 70/30 match, with the 70 being IHPA and the 30 being the commission and this does include in-kind time matches (of time, etc.).

Commissioner Schick gave a recap on the Barber House survey that was displayed at the last meeting. This house dates back to the 1800's. Schick will speak to the owners about landmarking.

Commissioner Dean Williams showed a short video that was taken at the Brunk Farmstead and the George Power Farm. The video is a trailer of a book called Killed By Indians 1871 that was requested by Barnes and Noble as a way to get children interested in reading. Williams noted that in searching a place to film, thanks to the last meeting the Brunk Farmstead was mentioned and this became the video location.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the September meeting with Commissioner Schick seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**October 3, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Gabe Chiaro  
Merilyn Herbert  
Jerry Jacobson  
Darryl Jones  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** Don Davis

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the October meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the September minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Randy Schick and was seconded by Commissioner Robert Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

New Commissioner Merilyn Herbert introduced herself to the Commission. She is originally from Chicago and has been living in Springfield for about twelve years and has raised four children. Commissioner Herbert currently works for the Springfield Urban League. Chairman Pell thanked Commissioner Herbert for being here and the rest of the Commission made introductions.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell announced that IHPA is hosting a Historic Preservation Commission's workshop in Blue Island, IL on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Pell indicated he would not be able to attend but encouraged anyone who is interested to attend. This event will also host the annual meeting for the Illinois Association for Historic Preservation Commissions (IAHPC). Catherine O'Connor is the staff person for this group and will be willing to pay up to 50 cents per mile, possibly some of the twenty-five dollar entry fee and the cost of stay for up to three appointed Commission members. Please see Chairman Pell if interested.

Chairman Pell noted that everyone should have received the matching grant application email from IHPA for FY 2013 matching grant application, which is due November 5<sup>th</sup>. Pell asked Norm Sims if there was any topic he could suggest to apply for from IHPA. Sims noted two potential projects, one being the Lincoln circuit riding that Commissioner Schick has discussed in the past and the other project about a directory put together that ties sites to film that Commissioner Dean Williams has brought up. Commissioner Williams noted a video illustrating sites and their relevance to potential movie sites would be a great thing. Chairman Pell, along with the help of Commissioner Williams, will work on completing the application and get it delivered to IHPA and ultimately our part of the match will involve our work power to get this

done. Chairman Pell asked the Commission if anyone has any issues with either of those two projects discussed, and there was no comment.

Chairman Pell announced that he does not have anything to present to the Commission today, but would like to have for next time a summary of the survey work that we have done and the stipend that the Commission receives. Chairman Pell believes that the fact that we are given a stipend for the hour of our time doesn't really cover the time put into this work. Our colleagues on the Springfield Historic Sites Commission do not receive a stipend. Chairman Pell would like to show the group the hard numbers of the amount of Commissioners that have cycled through, the amount the County has given us in stipend, how many surveys that we have put together. At some point we need to ask ourselves if we have done enough. Perhaps some of us are more geared to do surveys, and some of us have other strengths to help the Commission. Is there anything we can do to change our structure? Chairman Pell noted that we need to look at these things to continue to advance what we are currently doing so that we continue to find the historic resources in the County and continue to do the good work we are expected to do. Chairman Pell encouraged the group to think about these things between now and the next meeting and be aware that an email will be sent out soon. Commissioner Anthony Mares said that some people have the opportunity to spend more time doing surveys, but believes everyone contributes to the Commission in different ways, for example the upgrading of the landmarking application and not reinventing the wheel. Mares does not believe that showing the amount of surveys done is the true test of what Commissioners input has been within the context of what we have done. Mares has made several suggestions regarding contacting the County Board members with regards to historic resources. Commissioner Mares noted his input is that although surveys might be important and might be what was a catalyst to start this Commission, other projects or issues we have talked about should be considered as far as time and commitment. Chairman Pell completely concurred that the amount of surveys is not the only metric by which we should judge the success of our Commission, but we need to look at our work in total, which takes into account the things that Commissioner Mares has brought up. Specifically, a report that is required by Ordinance has not been written in the past two years. Chairman Pell is interested in not only flushing out some of the things that he has mentioned, but look at what needs to be done so we can begin to make the mechanism work better than it has.

**Public Comment:** Chairman Pell noted that there is member of the public present and apologized for taking up so much time before an introduction. Don Davis thanked the group for allowing him to speak early and introduced himself to the Commission members. Davis indicated he was interested in land use and the effect of landmarking, specifically the Lincoln Boy Scout Trail. Davis would like to see the development slow down along the trail and asked if ultimately landmark status put limits on land use. Chairman Pell said that the short answer is no, and as far as a trail goes, it is made up of an existing road which is owned by the government. Sims asked who owns the Boy Scout trail and Davis indicated it is on township roads. Sims noted that the landmarking of a property does not have a legal effect on land use of surrounding properties. The property owners that are adjacent to those properties that are petitioning to be rezoned have certain rights to file what is called a valid petition in objection to a zoning case, which means that the County Board has to have a super majority vote. Chairman Pell thanked Davis for coming and asked him if there is any reason why landmarking the trail would negatively affect anyone, and Davis does not think so unless zoning would be something considered to protect a rural resource. Davis thanked the group for his time.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Chairman Pell noted that the vote for vice-chairman will take place today as mentioned at the last meeting that Robert Sherman is willing to fill the slot. Chairman Pell

entertained a motion to elect Commissioner Sherman to vice-chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Jerry Jacobson and was seconded by Commissioner Gabe Chiaro. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pell noted that the second item is to establish a resolution to show our support for the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition. Sims noted that he drafted a resolution for the Commission and welcomes any input, which will ultimately be signed by Chairman Pell. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Commissioner Mares and was seconded by Commissioner Chiaro. The vote to approve was unanimous.

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

**Member Reports:** Chairman Pell has not filled out the survey form that he promised last month of the Park House, but thought Commissioner Chiaro had pictures of the Park House, which he does not. The pictures that Commissioner Chiaro has are of a house on Passfield Road in Rochester that Chairman Pell put on survey form about two months ago. Commissioner Chiaro passed around pictures for the Commission to look at. Chairman Pell also has information on the Irwin Cemetery in which is near the Clayville Historic Site. The cemetery contains descendents of the Irwin Family which are descendents of the Broadwell Family who settled and built Clayville.

Commissioner Jacobson turned in two survey forms in which he displayed pictures. One was the Donner House off Interstate 72, and according to a local, the house Commissioner Jacobson was showed the commission was the servants house for the Donner Family.

Commissioner Schick announced that the book about the Lincoln Circuit Ride is about to be published.

Commissioner Mares has found a couple of interesting spots around Route 4 that he will have information for next month.

Commissioner Jones asked if a cemetery could be surveyed/landmarked in which Chairman Pell indicated they can, but National landmarking status doesn't hold cemeteries in the same regard. From a County Commission standpoint there isn't any reason why a cemetery, or even a stone within a cemetery, can't be landmarked. Commissioner Jones had interest in Peter Cartwright's tombstone in Pleasant Plains.

Commissioner Williams showed a video that is from the Central Illinois Film Commission. The commission was credited at the end of the video with contributing towards the making of the film.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mares made a motion to adjourn the October meeting with Commissioner Jones seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**November 7, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Merilyn Herbert  
Jerry Jacobson  
Darryl Jones  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:** Gabe Chiaro

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:**

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the November meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the October minutes, with changes noted by Commissioner Jerry Jacobson. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Randy Schick and was seconded by Commissioner Robert Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell announced that he has extended an invitation to Andrew Heckenkamp with the Illinois Historic Preservation Association to discuss the online HARGIS system, which is essentially a mapping system of historic sites. The system has recently changed and Pell believes it would be helpful to the Commission for someone to come explain the changes and also educate those that have never used the HARGIS system.

Pell announced that the CLG application deadline was Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Pell thanked Commissioner Dean Williams for putting together an application for a project that is titled The Sangamon County Historic Places video, which will hopefully be ultimately used for tourism, education, future filming opportunities, etc. Commissioner Williams noted that the video would include site selections of unincorporated Sangamon County that would feature locations such as Clayville, the Brunk Farmstead, etc. Ultimately these sites would be determined by this Commission. Commissioner Williams pointed out that each video location would include a site survey that could benefit the Illinois Film Commission as future sites for filming. The second application was submitted by Chairman Pell and this project would include Sangamon County surveying and methodology in which a consultant would be hired to assist the Commission in survey work. Pell believes that none of the project winners will be announced by IHPA until January and each CLG has until the end of October 2014 to use the grant money.

Chairman Pell also mentioned the discussion at the last meeting about how much work has been done thus far and how much the County has expended. Pell noted that the meeting today marks the eighth year anniversary of commission meetings as our first one was in November 2004 after being established by ordinance in May 2003. It wasn't until approximately December of 2005 that Commission members began to receive a monthly stipend. Essentially this Commission has

been working for 96 months and 87 of those months included stipends. In June 2009, the stipends were reduced by half, which means that 48 months were the original stipend (\$100/commissioner and \$200/chair) and 39 were half the original stipend (slightly less according to staff's information). This means that \$67,500 (the maximum amount not taking into account absences or times when the commission did not have a full slate of commissioners) has been paid to this Commission for our service to the County. Pell reinforced that these numbers are not exact, and will work to produce the exact figures in order to maintain for the commissions records. Pell noted that this information was examined in relationship to survey work done by the Commission. That discussion was held at the last meeting and there was a fair amount of agreement that as we move forward the commission will work to find each commissioner's strengths so each can contribute as the notion of assigning each commissioner two or three townships to survey has not met with significant success. Pell noted that staff sent him a list of submitted surveys and he admitted that he was surprised by its small size, which included thirty surveys. Staff noted that the list included actual surveys that have been emailed and submitted. Pell thinks that with everything that has been discussed, the list should actually be around 50, so it is important to fill out the survey form and submit it (to Abby). Commissioner Jacobson pointed out that over eight years there have been 30 survey forms submitted, which comes out to less than 4 forms per year for the entire Commission of nine people. On average, each commissioner has contributed 3.33 surveys, and in other words this Commission isn't doing enough. Jacobson stressed that there are other things that we can do and should do, but at the heart is finding and documenting historic resources/sites. The grants that have been submitted would go a long way at responding to the (lack of completed survey) problem, but whether we get the grant(s) or not we shouldn't lean back and let someone else do our work. Pell asked Jacobson for suggestions about energizing this effort. Jacobson suggested that there should be requirements for being on this commission other than attending meetings and those that do not meet such requirements should be terminated from the commission. Pell noted that this is not a positive recommendation and was asking what advice Jacobson had to encourage people to add to the survey list. Jacobson said that the survey is a responsibility and requirement of this Commission to do survey work. Pell compared our work with the Springfield Historic Sites Commission and the survey work they do, if any. Norm Sims, who is a voting member of the Springfield Historic Sites Commission, noted that the metric we are using in this discussion is surveys and the metric that needs to be used is landmarks. Secondly, Sims noted that in terms of protecting the property, surveys mean nothing. Additionally, Sims is not aware that Springfield Historic Sites has done any surveys, and if they have done any they are through professionals from a CLG grant. Sims noted that survey work is not a task assigned by Springfield Historic Sites. Additionally, survey work is not a requirement under the ordinance for membership. Pell noted that the City of Springfield has the highest concentration of landmarkable sites and have been in existence three times as long as this Commission. Pell mentioned that HARGIS will be helpful to this commission in that you can see what has been surveyed (by others). Based on the discussion at the last meeting, there are things that this commission needs to be doing in terms of education and outreach and discussing the historic resources of our County to a broader audience. Pell stressed that we have the minds and the ability to get that done, the question is how do we go about implementing our strategy; Sims suggested we review our commission plan before the next meeting.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** No new business.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Jacobson updated the Commission on the Donner House that was discussed at the last meeting. Jacobson made arrangements to visit the site again, and Jim Patton and Floyd Mansberger are interested in attending. Pell noted that Don Springer is a descendent of the Donner family in which Jacobson was aware. Jacobson noted he will put the site on a survey form. Jacobson clarified that the house he is speaking about is occupied by the grandson or grandnephew of George Donner. Also, Jacobson made a phone call to Dave Mendenhall who is the County Board member whose district covers the townships that Jacobson is assigned to, in hopes that he has some leads to some old buildings that may be worthy of surveying and landmarking. Lastly, Jacobson noted that there is a bridge over the Sangamon River in Clear Lake Township that carries Oak Crest Road and is early 20<sup>th</sup> Century truss bridge in what seems to be in very good shape but is up for replacement in June. Jacobson noted that there was an individual, Robert Steinman, who was interested in obtaining the Bolivia Bridge (which still stands and has no funding), however there is funding for the Oak Crest Road bridge. Jacobson called Steinman and noted that he is interested and he will be looking at it. Pell asked Jacobson if he will be turning the bridge into a survey and Jacobson said yes.

Commissioner Sherman announced that he has a few sections of Talkington Township to drive and has completed his other townships.

Commissioner Darryl Jones inquired if the area of Springfield that included South Town could be landmarked/surveyed. Pell clarified that this area is in the City of Springfield and should be referred to the Springfield Historic Sites Commission.

Commissioner Williams announced that the owner of the George Power farm has invited the commission to tour the facility. Pell said this would be a fabulous field trip and this site is actually on the National Register. He indicated that this would be a great tour for the spring and we will keep this invitation in mind for a March or April meeting. Sims noted that this meeting would need to be open to the public.

Commissioner Jacobson noted the Springfield Historic Sites Commission has committee's that fulfills certain roles. Sims noted that this Commission has a plan in place and whatever is adopted in that plan could be further identified and implemented. The plan has been emailed to the Commission, and staff will send it again.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sherman made a motion to adjourn the November meeting with Commissioner Herbert seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**December 5, 2012**

**Members Present:** Chuck Pell, Chair  
Gabe Chiaro  
Anthony Mares  
Randy Schick  
Robert Sherman  
Norm Sims  
Dean Williams

**Members Absent:** Merilyn Herbert  
Jerry Jacobson  
Darryl Jones

**Staff Present:** Abby Bybee

**Others Attending:** Andrew Heckenkamp, IHPA

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, Chairman Chuck Pell called the December meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the November minutes, with changes noted by Commissioner Jerry Jacobson. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Robert Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Mares. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

**Chairman's Report/Comments:** Chairman Pell announced that staff emailed a 2013 meeting schedule so if anyone did not receive it please let Abby know.

Chairman Pell noted that everyone also should have received the current Preservation Plan produced by the commission in conjunction with staff. He urged Commissioners to familiarize themselves with this document and we will make this a topic of discussion for the January meeting.

Chairman Pell introduced our guest, Andrew Heckenkamp with IHPA, who was invited to describe how to use the HARGIS System which will be a valuable tool for this group to understand; he illustrated on the screen with the laptop provided by staff how to locate HARGIS online and how to move around its site. Heckenkamp indicated his official title at IHPA is the Survey and National Register Coordinator. The HARGIS system was originally launched in 2003 and the updated version went live this past summer. The main difference between the new version and the old version is it has a much more user-friendly format and there are different map types (aerial, topography, etc.). Heckenkamp gave a brief tutorial of the HARGIS system showing different layers, search techniques and answered overall questions from Commissioners. Chairman Pell thanked Heckenkamp for his time and willingness to come and explain the new system. Heckenkamp thanked the group for having him and insisted to call him with any questions that came up. His number is 785-4324 and his office is located in the basement of the Old State Capitol.

Chairman Pell noted that if anyone ever needs to contact anyone at the State, Google "Illinois State Directory" and you will be linked to a page to search by first and last name.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** No new business.

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

**Member Reports:** Commissioner Mares has been in contact with the Sangamon County Historic Society but has not had any luck thus far. Commissioner Schick suggested calling County Board member Tim Krell.

Commissioner Sherman recently came across a book called “Old Time Grain Elevators” and realized that this would be a great idea for surveying and potential landmarking.

Commissioner Schick displayed some photographs from the Smith cemetery in Woodside Township to the south of Prairie Crossing. Commissioner Gabe Chiaro asked what the oldest stone date was and Commissioner Schick said the mid 1800s, specifically 1843.

Commissioner Williams recounted an invitation to Commissioner Sherman and Chairman Pell to a lunch at the Crown Plaza introducing them both to the Center for Archeology. Commissioner Williams will be speaking Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> before the Springfield Historic Sites Commission.

**Staff Reports:** None.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn:** Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chiaro made a motion to adjourn the December meeting with Commissioner Mares seconding this motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Abby Bybee