

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
January 3, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the December minutes. A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Schackmann. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell welcomed Molly Berns as the new Acting Executive Director for the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission and asked her to tell us about herself. Chairman Pell stated he created a spreadsheet listing the barns the Commission has photographs of and it contains location information for each barn. Some barns do not have any information, so Commissioners will need to investigate and locate the barn and fill out the necessary information within the spreadsheet. Commissioner Goza stated an additional barn the Commission should add to the book is the round Frazee Barn located off I-55 at the Auburn exit. Chairman Pell also brought up the e-mail that was received from Rachel Leibowitz in regards to the CLG Grants Application. The e-mail stated that every community would need to be registered per the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) in order to receive a grant. Commissioner Berns stated that before the next meeting staff will find out whether the HPC would need to register as a Commission or if the Commission would be covered by the County's registration.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell stated the barn spreadsheet needs to be completed with all the available contact information for each barn location. Even while the spreadsheet is still being completed, the Commission can divide the barns amongst each Commission Member to contact the owners and write the descriptions of each barn with any history that is known about them, etc. As the book is drafted, the entire Commission will serve as editor. Chairman Pell stated that he believed the Commission could get this book completed by March or April. Commissioner Jacobson asked if Commissioner Sherman had created the

talking points for the Commissioners to ask the barn owners. Commissioner Sherman and the rest of the Commission discussed what would be good talking points for the barns including: 1) the original purpose for the barn, 2) date of construction including any additions or improvements, 3) the particular structural technique, 4) builder (if known), 5) any features of the barn (ex. hayloft), 6) where the entrance is located, 7) type of roof, and 8) asking the owner if the Commissioner could take or obtain photographs of both the exterior and interior for the use in the book. Commissioner Brooks stated it may be helpful to create a form to fill out like the Commission does for the surveys. Commissioner Jacobson asked if the photographs could be linked to the barn spreadsheet to help when contacting the barn's owner. Chairman Pell stated the barns listed in the spreadsheet are in the same order as the draft barn book. Commissioner Berns stated once the addresses for each barn location is found, a letter can be sent out to each owner asking if they would be willing to have their barn featured in the Barn Book. Commissioner Brooks stated the plat book could be a good resource to help determine barn locations, and it could be helpful to reach out to the Farm Bureau to help fill in some of the missing information on the spreadsheet since a majority of the barns would be owned by a Farm Bureau member. Commissioner Berns stated to also reach out to the County Board Members as a resource to help identify owners, because they most likely would know the barns in their district.

Oldest Farmhouse Surveys Follow-Up: No additional surveys have been completed.

Mechanicsburg Christian Church: Commissioner Jacobson stated he is working on completing a landmark application for the church. Chairman Pell stated that the Commission needs to figure out whether an intergovernmental agreement could be initiated on a project basis or if it would have to be for the entire Village of Mechanicsburg. Commissioner Berns stated she will check with the State's Attorney's Office and County Administrator McFadden to determine what type of intergovernmental agreement will be needed. Commissioner Brooks brought up the idea to try and obtain intergovernmental agreements with all the small towns and villages to be able to landmark more structures. Chairman Pell also stated that when the Lincoln-Van Buren Trail was landmarked an intergovernmental agreement was executed with Rochester, but he was not sure whether that was for the whole village or just that project.

New Business: Commissioner Brooks brought up the Illinois Bicentennial and stated Representative Butler would endorse the project. Commissioner Brooks indicated separate from the endorsed project of the barn book would be to request a proclamation like the "Year of the Barn", etc.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Goza stated she would contact Kristin DiCenso, who is the local contact on the Bicentennial Committee.

Commissioner Jacobson asked Chairman Pell if the National Register letters had been sent out yet, and Chairman Pell stated approximately five letters were sent out and the others were just waiting on confirmation as to whether the sites are within unincorporated Sangamon County. Commissioner Jacobson also reported that the core samples taken from the oldest farmhouses are almost complete.

Commissioner Sherman asked how much information would need to be written for each barn. Chairman Pell stated that obtaining as much information as possible would be the best, because it is easier to edit from a lot of information than to add more later.

Commissioner Brooks stated that every media outlet has been reached with the news of Chairman Pell receiving the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commission's 2017 award for Leadership. Commissioner Brooks will also get more pictures of barns around the Mechanicsburg area since he lives in the area and knows the owners.

Commissioner Lathan stated she would do some research on the Frazee Barn located off of I-55 by the Auburn exit that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Williams reported that after the meeting he would be going over to Rachel Leibowitz's office to discuss the Commission's previous grant submissions.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the January meeting with Commissioner Brooks seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
February 7, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks*
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
Dean Williams

Members Absent: James Schackmann

Staff Present: Emily Prather * Attendance by phone

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the January minutes. A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Commissioner Jacobson and was seconded by Commissioner Lathan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated the CLG grant applications are due March 15th. The Commission is allowed to submit two grants again this year and should brainstorm some different ideas for projects and consider some projects on a smaller scale with smaller budgets than in the previous years. Chairman Pell also noted that Commissioner Berns found out the Commission could utilize one of the County's GATA numbers for their grant submission. Commissioner Sherman asked if the Commission could submit a grant application for a project the Commission is currently working on and Chairman Pell stated the Commission could but believed the barn book does not require additional funding to complete and he does not believe it is a good idea to stall the project when the Commission is close to completing the book. Chairman Pell stated survey projects have always been looked at favorably for receiving a CLG grant. Chairman Pell told the Commission an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Mechanicsburg Christian Church could be completed on a project basis like what was completed for the Lincoln-Van Buren Trail in Rochester. Commissioner Berns will double check with the State's Attorney and County Administrator McFadden to make sure the County is fine with completing an Intergovernmental Agreement on a project basis or if it would need to be completed for the entire community.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Commissioner Sherman drafted a survey form to help gain information on the barns the Commission has pictures of as well as any the Commissioners might survey and he passed a copy out of the form to all attendees. Chairman Pell stated right now the Commission needs to obtain the information for each barn so the write-ups can get completed but each Commissioner could still identify more barns in their assigned townships to be included in the book. Commissioner Jacobson stated he believed the Commission has enough photographs and should instead focus on calling the owners of the barns to gain information on each barn. Chairman Pell stated he will divide the list and assign the barns to the Commissioners. Commissioner Sherman stated it could be easier to gain information on each barn by driving to the barn and speaking to the owner in person than by calling the owner over the phone.

Chairman Pell explained that Commissioner Brooks wished to attend the Historic Preservation Commission meeting via speakerphone due to his work schedule. A motion to allow Commissioner Brooks to attend the meeting via speakerphone was made by Commissioner Jacobson and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Mechanicsburg Christian Church: Commissioner Jacobson stated he has completed the first draft for the landmark application for the church and has been working with Tami VanPelt to obtain any extra information for the application. Commissioner Jacobson stated he hoped to have the application completed and submitted by the next meeting. Chairman Pell noted the Commission would have to have an intergovernmental agreement in place in order to get the landmark application before the County Board.

New Business: CLG Grant Applications: Commissioner Williams stated he has left six messages with Rachel Leibowitz to try and discuss the CLG grants with her. He contacted Congressman Darin Lahood's office and his assistant, Hal Smith, is willing to go with Commissioner Williams to meet with Rachel Leibowitz to discuss Dean's proposed project and what would need to be done to make it more appealing to receive a grant. Commissioner Jacobson and Chairman Pell suggested to Commissioner Williams that he could talk to Rachel Leibowitz's boss, the Director of the Illinois DNR, since he is having a hard time reaching Rachel Leibowitz. Chairman Pell stated the grant applications need to be evaluated together as a Commission. Chairman Pell also stated that the amount the Commission would ask for as a contribution will need to be scaled back from what was asked for in the past to make viable grant applications. The Commission discussed completing surveys for one room schoolhouses and churches as possible new grant application ideas.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Williams reported that he has finally received permission from the owner of the George Power Mansion to complete a landmark application and hopes to have it completed by the next meeting.

Commissioner Lathan presented information on the Frazee Barn, which was discussed during the January meeting, and presented what she had learned about the barn from her research.

Commissioner Brooks asked about an update on the Bicentennial Commission, and Chairman Pell stated that he met with Representative Butler and the barn book will hopefully become an endorsed project for the Bicentennial. Chairman Pell and Commissioner Brooks will also work together to get a proclamation for this year being known as the "Year of the Barn."

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goza made a motion to adjourn the February meeting with Commissioner Lathan seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
March 7, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Tina Lathan

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the February minutes. A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Schackmann. The voice vote to approve was 7 Commissioners in favor and 1 Commissioner abstaining (Commissioner Jacobson).

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated that prior to the meeting he sent out the Commissioner assignments for researching the various barns for the barn book. The Commissioners then discussed the assignments and swapped some of the barn assignments based on their location and Commissioners' knowledge of certain barns.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell stated the survey form that Commissioner Sherman created last meeting will be added to Dropbox so any Commissioner can access it. Chairman Pell stated that now that the assignments have been given out, every Commissioner should start contacting the owners and doing some research on their assigned barns to get the information and history completed. Commissioner Goza and Chairman Pell discussed that it may be beneficial to put a teaser on the Commission website so any owner that is contacted would be able to see the barn book is a legitimate project. Chairman Pell stated that if the barn is not indicated with a PIN (Parcel Identification Number) identified on the spreadsheet, the assigned Commissioner could utilize Google Maps or the Sangamon County Parcel Viewer to identify where certain barns are located to then determine its PIN. Commissioner Brooks stated the Farm Bureau could be another resource to help identify locations of barns and obtain more pictures and information on barns since the Farm Bureau has a way to send an e-mail blast out to their members and has several followers on Facebook. The Commission's Facebook page could also be used as a last resort to help identify the location for some of the barns. Chairman Pell stated he is hopeful the barn book will become an endorsed project for the Bicentennial. Chairman Pell found some price points if the barn book were to be published by a sponsor in addition to being an e-book and he found that 100 copies of the barn book with 116 pages would cost approximately \$15 per book and if it were up to 156 pages it would cost approximately \$18 per book from Capitol Blue Print. This information can be shared with any potential sponsor that may want to help cover the costs for this project as special mementos for dignitaries or their customers, etc.

Mechanicsburg Christian Church: Commissioner Berns reported that Staff Member Prather and she met with County Administrator McFadden and a representative from the State's Attorney's Office and determined the intergovernmental agreement will have to be completed village wide versus a project by project basis. Commissioner Berns also reported that she will discuss the idea of the Historic Preservation Commission providing services to designate landmarks and preservation districts to all the mayors at the next Regional Leadership Council meeting. Commissioner Jacobson reported that he is still working with Tami VanPelt to complete the landmark application. Commissioner Jacobson also made a statement that the Mechanicsburg Christian Church may be the oldest church building in continuous use in Sangamon County (1856). Commissioner Berns stated she could ask all the mayors at the Regional Leadership Council if any of them know of an older church.

CLG Grant Applications: Chairman Pell stated he would work to get a grant application written before the March 15th deadline for a survey project. Commissioner Williams reported he has an application completed asking for \$30,000 for a Lincoln sites video project illustrating possible movie set locations he previously applied for in previous CLG grant cycles.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Williams reported that he is still working on completing a landmark application for the George Power Mansion.

Commissioner Sherman made a comment that an additional question Commissioners could ask when completing the barn survey is if there were any other barns located on the property.

Commissioner Jacobson stated he has been trying to get the archeology of the county from the state museum. Commissioner Jacobson asked Chairman Pell if the letters were sent out to those sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and Chairman Pell stated he has not sent additional ones because he noticed some items need to be changed on the information sheet.

Commissioner Brooks asked if the goal for the barn book was just to obtain information on the current barns or to continue to get more barn photographs as well. Chairman Pell stated both of these things need to occur although if the quantity did not increase that would be okay and the real focus should be on the barns that have been submitted.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the March meeting with Commissioner Brooks seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
April 4, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the March minutes. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Commissioner Brooks and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was 8 Commissioners in favor and 1 Commissioner abstaining (Commissioner Jacobson).

Member Report: Commissioner Brooks needed to leave early so he gave his member report sharing the information he obtained on five different barns for the barn book, with four of them being new unassigned barns. Chairman Pell asked Commissioner Brooks if he had anything to share in regards to the Farm Bureau for the barn book, and Commissioner Brooks stated that if Chairmen Pell could send him a write-up on the barn book he could send it to the Farm Bureau to be included in their e-blast newsletter.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated the Commission did not submit for a CLG grant by the deadline and asked Commissioner Williams to report more on the status of the CLG grants after his recent meeting with Rachel Leibowitz. Commissioner Williams explained that he went to talk to Ms. Leibowitz and she told Commissioner Williams that the Lincoln sites video project did not qualify to receive funding from the CLG grant. Ms. Leibowitz explained to Commissioner Williams that funding is still available for the 2018 CLG grants if the Commission would want to submit a late grant application for publishing the barn book or for making a video on training people how to survey an individual property. Commissioner Williams also reported that the 2019 CLG grants would be coming out next month because the Illinois Historic Preservation Division was almost one year behind on the 2018 CLG grants. Commissioner Berns stated Chairman Pell or the Commissioner in charge with applying for these grants should schedule a meeting with County Administrator Brian McFadden before applying for a CLG grant since the Commission will need to utilize one of the County's GATA numbers in order to apply. Chairman Pell stated the Commission will need someone to take charge and complete the grant application form to try and capitalize on the leftover grant money from 2018 and also complete an application for the upcoming fiscal year 2019 grant. Commissioner Goza stated she could work on completing the application for the 2018 CLG grant but may need some assistance. Chairman Pell asked if someone outside of the Commission could complete the grant application for the Commission if they were to find a student or someone with grant writing experience to volunteer their time to complete the application. Commissioner Jacobson believed that it would not be easy to find someone. Chairman Pell stated for the 2018 grant the Commission could apply to receive money to go towards publishing the barn book and then for the

2019 grant the Commission could apply for a project to make a video on training people how to survey an individual property.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell informed the Commission that the barn book project is now an officially endorsed project for the Illinois Bicentennial; and Staff Member Prather illustrated this on line at www.illinois200.com. Chairman Pell encouraged all the Commission members to access the Dropbox folder and work on their assigned barns. So far two Commissioners are having trouble accessing the Dropbox folder. Staff Member Prather stated any Commissioner having trouble accessing the Dropbox folder could call or bring a laptop into the office and she could help anyone get connected. Commissioner Schackmann stated one of his assigned barns no longer exists and was wondering if he should still pursue the history of the barn or would the Commission delete it from the barn book. Commissioner Pell stated the barn could still be featured depending on the history and type of barn.

Mechanicsburg Christian Church: Commissioner Jacobson reported that he submitted a letter to the editor at both *The State Journal-Register* and the *Illinois Times* asking the public for help compiling a list of pre-Civil War churches. Commissioner Jacobson stated he placed this letter to the editor in order to determine not only if anyone knew of any churches older than the Mechanicsburg Christian Church, but also to receive information that could be used for a future project to develop a historic church inventory in Sangamon County.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Williams asked when the Commission would stop seeking new barns for the barn book. Chairman Pell stated Commissioners could research and submit additional barns for the barn book but the Commission is not going to elongate the project to get additional barns. Commissioner Williams also wanted to know how many photographs of a certain barn the Commission would want to place in the barn book. Chairman Pell explained that the main picture of the barn would be located on the left side of the book with any additional photos being included as smaller photographs on the right side along with the history of the barn.

Commissioner Sherman stated he is working on obtaining measurements and interior photographs for his assigned barns.

Staff Reports: Staff Member Prather stated she has placed a draft letter the Commissioners could send to the owners of the various barns into the Dropbox folder and each Commissioner could personalize the letter for their assigned barns.

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the April meeting with Commissioner Schackmann seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
May 2, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks*
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Emily Prather *Attendance by phone

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the April minutes. A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Schackmann. The voice vote to approve was 7 Commissioners in favor and 1 Commissioner abstaining (Commissioner Jacobson).

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell passed around the schedule for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum, which will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from July 18-22, 2018 if any Commissioner would be interested in attending. Chairman Pell reported that Landmarks Illinois, since the last meeting, presented their 2018 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois at a press conference in Springfield and the Illinois State Fair Grounds were included on the list. Chairman Pell also reminded the Commission that from May through October Downtown Springfield, Inc. holds their Architectural Walking Tours on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM and today is the first of the 2018 tours. Chairman Pell highlighted that this time of the year with warmer weather and "longer days" provided no excuses to get out and survey.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell reiterated to all the Commissioners to go out and gather information on their assigned barns especially given the nice weather in the days ahead. Chairman Pell stated it would be nice to get the barn book completed within the next 60 days. Chairman Pell also encouraged the Commissioners to utilize the Sangamon County Parcel Viewer or Google Maps to help locate their assigned barns before going out. Chairman Pell reported that he sent Commissioner Brooks a write-up for the Farm Bureau to include in an e-blast and for their Sangamo Farmer newsletter.

Commissioner Williams reported that he is working on getting information for a barn outside of Rochester and has sent information on his other assigned barns to Chairman Pell.

Commissioner Schackmann shared information and photographs he gathered on one of the barns he was assigned on Johnson Road and stated that he will be reaching out to the Prills, who own a couple of his other assigned barns, after planting.

Commissioner Raut stated he will be working on getting information for his barns for the next meeting.

Commissioner Goza stated she has her letters drafted and ready to go in the mail, and she will also drive around to take photographs over the weekend.

Commissioner Brooks called at 4:47 PM to join the meeting via speakerphone due to his work schedule. A motion to allow Commissioner Brooks to attend the rest of the meeting via speakerphone was made by Commissioner Jacobson and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that he had sent letters to the owners of the barns that he had addresses for and had heard back from one of the two owners and will work with Commissioner Sherman to figure out the location of his other two assigned barns.

Commissioner Lathan stated she has been working on her assigned barns, but was having issues locating the barn on Walnut Road.

Commissioner Sherman stated that he believed Ohio had officially designated “The Year of the Barn” and was wondering if Commissioner Brooks would be able to draft a resolution to get Illinois to declare something similar.

Mechanicsburg Christian Church: Commissioner Berns reported the State’s Attorney’s Office has approved the intergovernmental agreement, so a community can now execute the agreement to allow the Historic Preservation Commission to officially landmark properties within an incorporated community. Commissioner Berns explained the community would first execute the agreement and then the County, and once the agreement is in place then the SCHPC or the community can submit landmark applications for properties within the community. Commissioner Berns reported that she informed 14 communities that were in attendance for the Regional Leadership Council that the intergovernmental agreement exists if any community would want to utilize the landmarking services of the SCHPC. Commissioner Berns explained the agreement is automatically renewed on an annual basis unless a community wishes to terminate the agreement. Chairman Pell asked if a community terminates the agreement would the landmark status be removed for any previously landmarked property, in which Commissioner Berns replied that the landmark status would still remain on the property.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that Mrs. Van Pelt has officially signed the landmark application so he would be ready to submit the application once the intergovernmental agreement was in place.

CLG Grant Applications: Chairman Pell stated that he reached out to County Administrator McFadden to meet with him on the GATA numbers needed for applying for the CLG grants. Commissioner Goza reported that she met with Commissioner Williams and Ms. Leibowitz about the CLG grant and Ms. Leibowitz gave Commissioner Goza some project ideas for the 2019 CLG grant. Commissioner Goza also reported that currently Ms. Leibowitz was unable to state whether there is funding leftover from the 2018 CLG grant cycle, but Commissioner Goza would keep in touch with Ms. Leibowitz in case excess funding does become available.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Williams reported that he should have the landmark application for the George Power Mansion ready for the next meeting.

Commissioner Brooks stated he sent the write-up to the Sangamon County Farm Bureau in regards to the Barn Book. He also was able to look up the bill in Ohio, which declared the barn to be the official historical architectural structure of the state and noted that creating an honorary resolution stating this is the “Year of the Barn” would be easier than an official state designation.

Staff Reports: Commissioner Berns reported that staff has been working on a plan to fix the Commissioners’ reappointments to eventually get everyone on 5-year terms and they have a meeting next week with County Administrator McFadden and Attorney Gab to straighten the Commissioners’ terms out. Staff will provide a report during the next month’s meeting in regards to the outcome.

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goza made a motion to adjourn the May meeting with Commissioner Lathan seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
June 6, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Molly Berns

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the May minutes. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Commissioner Brooks and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was 8 Commissioners in favor and 1 Commissioner abstaining (Commissioner Jacobson).

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated that even though Commissioner Berns was unable to attend the meeting he wanted to congratulate her on being selected as the new Executive Director for the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Chairman Pell reported the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and Mechanicsburg will go before the County Board during the June 12th County Board meeting.

Chairman Pell informed the Commission that he had two meetings with County Administrator Brian McFadden, Brad Hammond from the Auditor's Office, Molly Berns, and Emily Prather in regards to the GATA (Grant Accountability and Transparency Act) number the Commission would need to utilize in order to apply for the CLG (Certified Local Government) grants. Chairman Pell reported the Commission along with staff would work with Denise McCrady in the Human Resources Department for the county to help administer the grant and be a compliance officer to make sure the Commission has completed all the necessary items for the grant.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell reported he has been working on his barn assignments and was also in the Loami area recently and stated this area is very "farm rich" for the county with a lot of barns that could be documented for the barn book. In general, Chairman Pell told the Commission to get him any information on the assigned barns so they can start including them in the barn book.

Commissioner Raut reported that he sent letters to the owners of the barns he was assigned but has received no responses. Commissioner Raut also reported that he took some photographs of his assigned barns and uploaded them to the Dropbox folder.

Commissioner Goza reported that she was able to drive around to some of her assigned barns to take photographs and obtain some historic information on the barns from the owners. Commissioner Goza gathered photographs and information about the Ostermeier barns along Old Chatham Road, additional barns along Old Chatham Road, an additional barn owned by Thelma Peabody, the Anna Stone barn on North Lincoln Trail, and Anna Stone provided her information on a barn owned by John Hudson in which the Commission already has had photographs submitted.

Commissioner Jacobson reported he had completed one barn submission prior to the assignments and has heard back from two of his assigned barns and still needs information for the other two barn assignments in which he is working with Commissioner Sherman in order to locate these two barns.

Commissioner Schackmann reported he went and took additional photographs of the Prill barns.

Mechanicsburg Christian Church: Commissioner Jacobson stated he has some photographs on his phone to be included with the landmark application. Commissioner Jacobson asked staff when he could submit the landmark application. Staff replied in order to have the landmark application on the July agenda the application would need to be submitted any time after the June 12th County Board meeting but before June 27th.

CLG Grant Applications: No additional information was reported in regards to this agenda item.

New Business: Commissioner Jacobson stated the state legislature passed, after eight to nine years of trying, a state historic tax credit bill to provide tax credits of up to twenty percent on historic rehabilitation.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Raut reported that Rochester Historic Preservation Society is planning their Sesquicentennial Celebration for September 13-15, 2019, and on their Facebook page is a concept plan for their Rochester Historical Park. It was also reported that Rochester will have a historical home tour on Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 12:00–4:00 PM.

Staff Reports: Staff reported they are working on correcting the Commissions' reappointment schedule.

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: Commissioner Jacobson stated the church letter to the editor in the SJR and the Illinois Times received two responses including one being the Mechanicsburg Christian Church and the other response was for a church in Rochester, the South Fork Church of Christ, and that church is older than the Mechanicsburg Christian Church and could be the oldest church in Sangamon County although it is within Rochester. Staff member Prather stated if it is the South Fork Church of Christ, it would be in unincorporated Sangamon County and not the Village of Rochester. Commissioner Jacobson was going to figure out exactly where the church is located.

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schackmann made a motion to adjourn the June meeting with Commissioner Jacobson seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
July 11, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson*
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
Dean Williams

Members Absent: James Schackmann

Staff Present: Emily Prather * Attendance by phone

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Chairman Pell explained that Commissioner Jacobson wished to attend the Historic Preservation Commission meeting via speakerphone. A motion to allow Commissioner Jacobson to attend the meeting via speakerphone was made by Commissioner Brooks and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

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

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell reported that Commissioner Jacobson with the help of Commissioner Brooks, Staff Member Prather, and he have been working on a press release for the Mechanicsburg Christian Church in preparation of the future landmarking public hearing and the current draft of the press release should be ready to roll out to the media.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell stated he would really love to get the barn book done by the end of summer and stated his office will take in what has been submitted and start to edit the book to be able to show the current progress of the barn book at the August meeting. Chairman Pell also stated it would be nice to complete the barn book as close to now as possible and before the end of the year since it is an officially endorsed project for the Illinois Bicentennial and this year is the celebrated Bicentennial year.

Commissioner Jacobson reported that at his request, Judith Butler submitted data on her barn on Farley Road in Pleasant Plains. Commissioner Jacobson also reported he received two photographs of a barn located on PEC Road. Commissioner Jacobson stated he has not heard from Commissioner Sherman as to the location of the two barns that Commissioner Sherman had taken photographs of and Commissioner Sherman stated he is still trying to relocate those two barns.

Commissioner Lathan reported that she had sent out survey forms to all her assigned barns but has yet to receive any information back. Chairman Pell stated the Farm Bureau may be a good resource to help identify or help contact owners for some of these barns.

Commissioner Raut reported that he uploaded some photographs to the Dropbox folder but still has more to upload of the Zinala Farms. Commissioner Raut will also follow up on his other assigned barns to gather additional information and has sent out letters but has not received a response back.

Commissioner Sherman stated he sent out three letters to barn owners and has spent several days driving around taking photographs of his assigned barns and additional barns within the County including a barn owned by Jerry and Judith Ackerman at 12400 Ackerman Road in Virden.

Commissioner Brooks reported that the July/August issue of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau Sangamo Farmer newsletter includes a blurb on the barn book. Commissioner Brooks also reported that he took several additional photographs of the Earles barn and Ford barn utilizing his drone.

Commissioner Williams stated due to a security breach at the George Power Mansion he will no longer be able to submit a landmark application for the house, because they are not letting anyone in or around the mansion. Commissioner Williams did receive photographs of the barn that was once on the property, built in 1860 but blew down in 1995 from a tornado, which could be included in the Commission's barn book even though it is no longer standing.

CLG Grant Applications: No additional information was reported in regards to this agenda item.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: Chairman Pell stated the Commission has received a completed landmark application for the Mechanicsburg Christian Church from Commissioner Jacobson. The Commission agreed the church meets the criteria to be designated as an official county landmark. Chairman Pell stated he would complete the initial report and recommendation required by ordinance for the nominated landmark application. Staff will then send out all the proper notifications and set the public hearing for the August 1, 2018 Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Member Reports: No additional reports were provided.

Staff Reports: Staff reported that everyone who was up for reappointment was approved at the last County Board meeting.

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: Commissioner Jacobson stated he sent a letter to a church in Cotton Hill Township about the landmarking process.

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sherman made a motion to adjourn the July meeting with Commissioner Goza seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
August 1, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Others Present: David Nutt, Rebecca Nutt, Sarah Nutt, Jim Dickey

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the amended (by Commissioner Jacobson) July minutes. A motion to approve the amended July minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Schackmann. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Public Hearing: Chairman Pell introduced the public hearing for the Mechanicsburg Christian Church. Chairman Pell entertained a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Jacobson made a motion to open the public hearing and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pell went through the landmarking process. Commissioner Jacobson gave an overview of the Mechanicsburg Christian Church. Chairman Pell stated the public hearing is a time for the public to voice their opinion on the landmark application and prior to the public hearing adjacent property owners were notified via mail about the proposed landmark designation for the Mechanicsburg Christian Church and this public hearing. Chairman Pell asked the members of the public in attendance to introduce themselves and provide any comments in regards to the church landmarking. David Nutt, Chairman of the Mechanicsburg Christian Church Board, along with Rebecca Nutt and Sarah Nutt were in attendance to support the landmarking designation for the church. Jim Dickey was interested in the general landmarking process for the County.

Commissioner Jacobson made a motion that the Mechanicsburg Christian Church be recommended to the County Board for landmark status by the HPC. Commissioner Goza seconded the motion and the voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Staff stated the next meeting date to advance the landmark recommendation would be the Public Health, Solid Waste, and Zoning Committee meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 5:40 PM in the County Board's conference room. After that meeting, the Mechanicsburg Christian Church landmark designation request would go before the County Board at their September 11, 2018 meeting for final decision.

Chairman Pell entertained a motion to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. Commissioner Sherman made a motion to close the public hearing and to reconvene the regular meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Goza. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell reported he is hoping to get an updated draft of the barn book before the September meeting.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell stated the barn book is currently lacking the write-ups for the barns. Commissioner Sherman stated he would like to review a hard copy of the draft book once the write-ups are included in the book to provide editorial changes to the text due to his knowledge of barns. Commissioner Jacobson asked how many write-ups does the Commission currently have for the approximately 40 barns to be included in the e-book, and Chairman Pell stated the Commission seems to have approximately 25-30% of the write-ups for the barns. Chairman Pell stated he would like to have the book completed by October 1st in order to hand a finished project to Commissioner Brooks to allow him to get a proclamation to Representative Butler to declare this year as the "Year of the Barn" before December 3 (which is the end of the State's Bicentennial year).

Commissioner Raut reported he finally was able to reach the Tuxhorn barn owners. Commissioner Raut was still having trouble reaching the owners of the Zinala farms barns but did get some information for Priscilla Reyhan who is listed as the president for the farm corporation. Chairman Pell stated her sons operate Sangamo Construction and perhaps they could be reached there to try to obtain information on these barns.

Commissioner Sherman stated he has been in touch with Judy Ackerman in regards to her historic barn on Ackerman Road in Virden.

Commissioner Brooks reported he is waiting on his drone to get fixed in order to take some aerial photographs of the Scully Barn.

Commissioner Lathan reported she was able to find the location of the barn on Walnut Road in Rochester, but noted that you cannot see the barn from the road with all the tree cover and she has not heard back from the owner in regards to any history on the barn.

Commissioner Schackmann reported that he has uploaded two write-ups to Dropbox and is working on another write-up.

CLG Grant Applications: No additional information was reported in regards to this agenda item.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Jacobson reported the dendrochronologist has all the core samples taken from the Oldest Farmhouse entries and will be able to provide the results soon. Commissioner Jacobson also reported that he is working on a landmark application for a historic church in Cotton Hill Township in which the historic church structure is no longer being utilized for services.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schackmann made a motion to adjourn the August meeting with Commissioner Goza seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

**Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
September 5, 2018**

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Jerry Jacobson
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
Dean Williams

Members Absent: James Schackmann

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the August minutes. A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Goza. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated the write-ups need to be completed for the barn assignments to keep the project progressing. Chairman Pell reported that if a barn has a story and history even though the barn has been torn down, it could still be included in the barn book. Chairman Pell shared photographs of the Stout barn which is no longer standing. Commissioner Jacobson mentioned if the barn book would include barns which are no longer standing the *History of Sangamon County Settlers* has lithographs of old barns within that book that could be a good addition to the Commission's book.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Chairman Pell stated if a Commissioner is having trouble tracking down information for a barn assignment they could find a replacement (on their own) barn that may have history available. The Commission discussed the Barker barn which is on the corner of Prairie Crossing and Chatham Road (Stonegate Farms) and is a barn that is not currently in the barn book but would be a great barn to include.

Commissioner Berns reported that Mr. Henson Robinson is providing history on a barn on Prairie Creek Road that used to be a functioning dairy until pasteurization was required.

Commissioner Jacobson reported he has completed a write up for the Braner barn.

Commissioner Sherman reported that he has not been able to get in touch with Judy Ackerman in regards to her historic barn on Ackerman Road in Virden. Commissioner Sherman is also working on contacting the owners of the McNaught barn to obtain the history.

Commissioner Brooks stated he was going to look into finding information on the Dowson Dairy since it is the only dairy still operating in the county. Commissioner Brooks also reported that he added aerial photographs of the Scully-Park barn/house.

Commissioner Lathan has not had any responses for her assigned barns so she is going to get the barn information to staff and Commissioner Brooks to see if any contact information can be obtained either from a County Board member or the Farm Bureau.

Commissioner Raut reported that he is working with the Tuxhorn barn owners in order to obtain information on the barn. Commissioner Raut also reported he is still trying to contact someone in regards to his assigned barns on Prairie Creek Road and the Zinala farms barns.

Commissioner Goza reported she will work with staff in order to get her information uploaded to Dropbox.

Commissioner Williams reported he has information in regards to the George Power barn and will send it to staff to upload to Dropbox.

CLG Grant Applications: Chairman Pell stated Rachel Leibowitz has left the Historic Preservation Division and is unsure of who would be handling the CLG grants in the future. No additional information was reported in regards to this agenda item.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Jacobson reported that he has filled out a landmark application for a historic church in Cotton Hill Township in which the historic church structure is no longer being utilized for services and is now waiting for the church to complete the rest of the application. Commissioner Jacobson also reported that he has received a CD with information on all the archeological sites in the county from the Illinois State Museum.

Staff Reports: Commissioner Berns provided the Commission with copies of the county highway map.

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: Chairman Pell stated the Mechanicsburg Christian Church landmark application was recommended for approval by the Public Health, Solid Waste, and Zoning Committee and will now go before the County Board on September 11, 2018 for the final decision. Commissioner Jacobson expressed that this was his last meeting as a commissioner.

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brooks made a motion to adjourn the September meeting with Commissioner Jacobson seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
October 3, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann

Members Absent: Molly Berns and Dean Williams

Staff Present: Emily Prather

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

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the September minutes. A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Commissioner Brooks and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated that October is a unique month because the Farmer's Market ends its run from May through October as well as the Architectural Walking Tour, school activities are in full swing, and we are moving towards fall and the Commission needs to complete the barn book. Each Commissioner should provide a write-up for their assigned barns and Chairman Pell's office can finish assembling the book before December. Chairman Pell also reported that the 2018 Springfield Preservation Awards reception and ceremony was held on September 19, 2018.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Commissioner Raut reported that he has heard back from John Tuxhorn on his barn, but Mr. Tuxhorn does not have any history on the barn. Chairman Pell and Commissioner Sherman suggested Commissioner Raut ask Mr. Tuxhorn if he would be willing to provide some interior photographs of the barn or let a Commissioner come out and take photographs.

Commissioner Lathan shared photographs she took of the Stonegate barn. Chairman Pell stated Bob Barker would be the point of contact for Commissioner Lathan to obtain some history for the barn.

Commissioner Sherman requested a hard copy of the barn book so he can provide additional barn information to each write-up. Commissioner Sherman also reported that the National Barn Alliance has asked him to complete a barn nomenclature, and this nomenclature could also be included in the Historic Preservation Commission's barn book. He indicated that one of the owners of the Ackerman barn was now in hospice and noted that Charles Lindbergh once flew and landed near the barn.

Commissioner Brooks stated he has uploaded write-ups for his barns into the Dropbox folder.

CLG Grant Applications: Commissioner Goza reported a new staff member has been hired at the Illinois Historic Preservation Division to take over Rachel Leibowitz's position, but Commissioner Goza has not had a chance to contact the new staff member in regards to the CLG Grants.

New Business: None.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: No additional member reports were given.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schackmann made a motion to adjourn the October meeting with Commissioner Brooks seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
November 7, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Jeanette Goza

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the October minutes. A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Lathan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell noted that all the Commissioners should have received a meeting schedule for 2019, and the Commission will act on the schedule during new business. Chairman Pell reported that he had driven around part of northern Sangamon County and wanted to remind the Commission to complete surveys of the historic resources they encounter. Chairman Pell noted an older Italianate house at the corner of Highway 124 and 123 on his drive and stated he would complete a survey if one had not already been completed for the house as he believes it was a "12-mile house" or a place that people would stop to rest their horses when that was the primary mode of transportation.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Commissioner Sherman reported that he went through all the write-ups uploaded to the Dropbox folder and has provided suggested edits for each write-up. Commissioner Sherman also commented that some of the photographs that provide an interesting story or history for a barn should also be included as an inset in the book. Commissioner Sherman asked how long a write-up should be for each barn. Chairman Pell stated that each barn should be able to have at least one to two sentences but there is no set format for each barn since some barns have more photographs and others have more written history to include.

Commissioner Lathan reported she was able to take some additional photographs of the Barker barn.

Commissioner Raut reported he has not had a chance to go to the Tuxhorn barn to take additional photographs. Commissioner Raut also reported he will be contacting the Gregurich-Zaubi's in regards to their barn.

Chairman Pell stated before next meeting he will place an updated book in the Dropbox folder for everyone to review. Chairman Pell also stated he would like to get the barn book wrapped up

and completed in time for the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration in December. After the book is completed, the Commission can put out a press release stating the completion of the barn book.

CLG Grant Applications: No update was available as to who replaced Rachel Leibowitz at the Illinois Historic Preservation Division in regards to who will be handling the CLG Grants.

New Business: Notice of 2019 meeting dates: Chairman Pell stated all the Commissioners should have received a copy of the notice of the Historic Preservation Commission's 2019 meeting dates which are set for the first Wednesday of every month. Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the 2019 meeting dates. A motion to approve the 2019 meeting dates was made by Commissioner Schackmann and was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Chairman Pell stated he has received an e-mail from Jerry Jacobson about the Commission looking into landmarking the stone house and log house in Rochester. The Commission then identified the stone house and log house are located within Rochester's village limits so an intergovernmental agreement would need to be completed prior to a potential landmark application.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brooks made a motion to adjourn the November meeting with Commissioner Lathan seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
December 5, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Molly Berns
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza*
Tina Lathan
James Schackmann
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Aakash Raut

Staff Present: Emily Prather * Attendance by phone

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the November minutes. A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Lathan. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Pell explained that Commissioner Goza wished to attend the Historic Preservation Commission meeting via speakerphone. A motion to allow Commissioner Goza to attend the meeting via speakerphone was made by Commissioner Schackmann and was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell reported that he is behind but doing well on assembling the barn book but he needs all the verbiage for each barn picture to be able to wrap up the project. Chairman Pell stated he will be contacting Commissioners individually in order to get this project completed. Chairman Pell also reported that he has been in touch with Carol Dyson, who is the Chief Architect for the Illinois Historic Preservation Division at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, to see who took over for Rachel Leibowitz in handling the CLG Grants. Carol Dyson provided Chairman Pell with contact information for Bob Appleman who would be handling the CLG Grants until the position is filled.

Old Business: Sangamon County Barn Book: Commissioner Schackmann reported he has completed a write-up for the Patterson barn.

Commissioner Williams reported he previously sent the write-ups he has completed to Chairman Pell.

Commissioner Brooks stated he has an idea for a good cover photo and will try and send the idea to Chairman Pell. Commissioner Sherman asked Commissioner Brooks about a tile barn out by mile marker 117 on the Fleck property and asked if that would be the only tile barn in Sangamon County. Commissioner Brooks wondered if it was actually tile and stated he would try and contact the owners of the property to get more information on the barn.

Commissioner Sherman is working on getting the barn nomenclature completed.

Commissioner Lathan completed the information for the Stonegate barn.

Commissioner Goza sent Staff photographs of a barn off of Wagon Ford Road and will work on sending write-ups for her barns.

CLG Grant Applications: Chairman Pell reported that Carol Dyson also provided him with three other names of people for him to contact in regards to the CLG Grant applications including Anna Margaret Barris, Amy Hathaway, and Anthony Rubano. Chairman Pell stated when he hears who will take over the CLG Grants he will send the contact information to Commissioner Goza. Commissioner Sherman asked if there was still grant funding available from the 2018 grant cycle and Chairman Pell stated he is unsure since no one has been hired to oversee the CLG Grants. Staff also mentioned the Historic Preservation Commission will need to get the Finance Committee's approval to apply for a grant.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: None

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: Commissioner Schackmann asked about filling former Commissioner Jacobson's position. Chairman Pell stated the County Board is in charge of filling and approving the next Commissioner and will advertise the vacancy. Staff stated if any Commissioner knows of an individual that would be willing to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission to provide any contact information to Staff to pass along to the County Board Office. Commissioner Lathan stated Eric Shuler from her office at the City would be a good potential Commissioner.

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lathan made a motion to adjourn the December meeting with Commissioner Brooks seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather