

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
January 8, 2020

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

Members Absent: Molly Berns, Mike Brooks

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:11 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 Williams. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell stated he and Commissioner Brooks have been talking and trying to coordinate working on the barn book to get the book completed. Chairman Pell stated he is looking forward to getting the barn book wrapped up. Chairman Pell stated he is working on getting verbiage to Commissioner Brooks whether it is barns that he was assigned or making sure Commissioner Brooks has all the verbiage from everyone else's barns. Chairman Pell stated there are two things he would like to see more of in the barn book including: having more "full bleed" pages and adding back in the barn page numbering (his office created).

Chairman Pell stated it would be good for all the Commissioners to take advantage of opportunities to attend the various historic preservation seminars that occur throughout the year, since participation in these seminars reflects highly on the Commission when applying for the CLG grant applications and when submitting the annual report.

Old Business: Creation of a Sangamon County Barn Book: Commissioner Williams asked if the Commission could apply for a CLG grant to print hard copies of the barn book. Chairman Pell stated he did not see why it could not be one of the grant applications as long as there was a good purpose for printing them, like giving them to the various libraries in the county.

Chairman Pell stated the Commission may need to add a forward to the barn book noting that all the history and information for the barns was received anecdotally, and the Commission has received this information second hand and has not gone into great research to verify what a property owner had said was correct. Chairman Pell stated that some barns within the book will also only have photographs instead of a write-up, but the beauty of this being an e-book is that it can change if the Commission receives more information. Chairman Pell stated he will also work with Commissioner Berns to obtain a letter from County Board Chairman Van Meter, and Chairman Pell will also request letters from the various State Representatives stating the importance of agriculture in Sangamon County to be included in the barn book.

CLG Grant Applications: Commission Williams stated he had met with State Senator McClure to discuss the CLG grant applications and State Senator McClure would like to be kept updated in regards to the Commissions' applications, because he would love to see some grant money come to Sangamon County.

Commissioner Williams discussed two ideas he believed the Commission should submit as applications for CLG grant money:

1. Reapply for the Surveying and Landmarking Video project, and
2. Apply for funding to print hard copies of the barn book.

Commissioner Williams reported that he was informed the grant applications would be available starting January 15, 2020 and remain open until March 15, 2020. Chairman Pell asked if the Commission could still apply for two grants as they had been able to in the past. Commissioner Williams stated the Commission would be able to apply for two grants. Commissioner Williams stated the Surveying and Landmarking Video application will be scaled down, will cost under \$18,000, and more information will be added to the application. Commissioner Schackmann stated that during the meeting that Amy Hathaway and Jon Pressley attended, it appeared that CLGs that applied for grant funding to survey townships within a county were more likely to receive funding, and stated the Commission could apply for a grant to survey one of Sangamon County's townships. Chairman Pell stated the discussion is leaning more towards not applying for a CLG grant to fund the printing of hard copies of the barn book since it is not completed yet, and instead the Commission could seek sponsorship within Sangamon County from a company or group that would be interested in providing funding to print hard copies once the book is completed. Commissioner Goza asked if the Commission could potentially overlap some of the aspects of the two grant applications since one grant could be a video on surveying and landmarking and the second could be a professional surveyor surveying a township in Sangamon County. The video project could then capture a professional surveyor going through the township surveying specific places. Chairman Pell stated the Commission cannot bet on receiving two grants in one year. Chairman Pell stated that Commissioner Williams would not film footage of a professional surveyor if the video application is not funded, so it would be hard to overlap the two grant applications.

Commissioner Schackmann reported that he had contacted Jon Pressley in regards to how to complete the annual report and catch up on the annual reports the Commission has not completed, but he has yet to hear back from Jon Pressley.

The Commission discussed having a special meeting to just discuss the CLG grant applications. After a brief discussion about when everyone was available, it was determined the special meeting would be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 4:45 PM in the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room 212.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: None

Staff Reports: Staff member Prather noted that her last day before maternity leave would be about February 25.

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goza made a motion to adjourn the January meeting with Commissioner Lathan seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather