

Minutes

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board

July 19, 2023, 1:30 P.M.

Fort Harrison State Park Inn & Conference Center, Roosevelt Room (Inn Building)

5830 N. Post Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46216

Board members present: Ryan Mueller (chair by proxy), Jason Larrison, Chandler Lighty, Anne Shaw, April Sievert, Scott Keller and Beth McCord (DHPA Director/Ex-Officio)

Staff members present: Chad Slider, Paul Diebold, Holly Tate, Noah Sandweiss, Danielle Kauffmann, Cathy Draeger-Williams, Amy D. Ward, Brandy Hayes-Manning (intern) and Clara Malek (intern).

Visitors/Speakers present: Kurt Garner; Linda Naas and Judy Shuck, citizens from Westfield, IN; Jennifer Beck, INDOT; Mark Dollase, Indiana Landmarks; A.J. Ariens, DNR Forestry; Bethany Natali, Weintraut & Assoc. James Heimlich, Orbis Environmental Consulting; Jerry Sweeten, Ecosystems; Ken Thompson and Richard Meister, both board members of Hour Glass Museum.

Call to Order

Chair Ryan Mueller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Approval of January 2023 minutes

Larrison made a motion to approve the minutes, Shaw seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

Division Director's Report

McCord reported about activities at the upcoming State Fair. DHPA will have the architectural trolley tours again this year, as well as the National Register certificate ceremony. The HPF grant applications are posted online for potential applicants to use. HPF grants are due in early October. The theme for Archaeology Month this year is early industrial sites. Preserving Historic Places conference will be held from 9/19 – 9/22 in Muncie, Indiana.

II. National Register Applications

1. Bluff Road Historic District, roughly both sides of Bluff Road from Sprague Street to 4724 Bluff Road, Indianapolis, Marion County (2565)
Diebold presented the staff comment. He noted that DHPA received three letters of objection from the same single owner. Sievert made the motion to approve, Keller seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Peru West Side Historic District, roughly bounded by each side of 6th Street on the north, Miami Street on the east, 3rd Street on the south, and Lafayette Street on the west, Peru, Miami County (2718)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Shaw made a motion to approve, Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Godfroy's Addition Historic District, roughly bounded by Ewing and Sixth Streets, Water Street, Clay Street between Main and Second Streets, Canal Street, and Wabash Street, Peru, Miami County (2719)
Diebold presented the staff comment. He mentioned the letter of objection and staff attempts to explain the NR program to the letter's author. Garner spoke to the board and stated that the Peru City Council and other public bodies held a number of public meetings where the nomination was discussed.

Larrison made a motion to approve, Shaw seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Sycamore Row, Old State Road 29 from Deer Creek south approx. 1,300 feet to current State Road 29, Deer Creek vicinity, Carroll County (2720)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Sievert made a motion to approve, Shaw seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
5. North Street Viaduct, North Street overpass at Highway 421/39/Washington Street, Delphi, Carroll County (2721)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Lighty made a motion to approve, Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
6. Warner House-Warner Schoolhouse, Northwest corner of North and East Streets, North Webster, Kosciusko County (2723)
Tate presented the staff comment. Lighty made a motion to approve, Shaw seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.
7. Hour Glass Cottage, 8 Lupine Lane, Ogden Dunes, Porter County (2727)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Lighty made a motion to approve, Keller seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

III. Certificates of Approval

1. Quarterly progress report by INDOT in fulfillment of condition #9 of the certificate of approval to alter the Westfield Historic District and demolish or remove historic structures at 101, 102 and 103 S. Union Street and 111 E. Main Street to reconstruct State Road 32 in the City of Westfield, Hamilton County. Beck stated demolition will begin in the next few weeks and pieces will be salvaged as they can. The board accepted the report from INDOT without comment.
2. Application for a certificate of approval by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to demolish the low head dam within Markle House and Mill Site, Vigo County

The application for a certificate of approval is contained in Attachment III-2 which was received by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology staff ("DHPA staff") on May 24, 2023, from James Heimlich, Orbis Environmental Consulting, on behalf of the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife. Although the Markle House and Mill Site is county owned, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the project is receiving state funds through the Lake and River Enhancement program (LARE).

Since a historic site or historic structure that is listed on the state or national register will be altered, demolished or removed by a project funded, in whole or in part, by the state, it was appropriate that the applicant first obtain a certificate of approval from the Board, pursuant to Indiana Code § 14-21-1-18.

The Markle House and Mill Site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 10, 1979. The property includes the house constructed by Abraham Markle, the ruins of the mill that burned in 1938, and the adjacent dam. The property has also been recorded as archaeological sites 12Vi893 and 12Vi1731. Abraham Markle was granted land in the "west" for his loss of land in Canada as a result of serving for the US Army during the War of 1812. He settled along Otter Creek in what would become Vigo County. A timber crib dam and stone/timber mill were constructed in 1817. The mill was remodeled in 1826, and the wooden dam was modified in 1875 and 1917 when concrete was added to the dam.

The proposed project includes partial demolition of the low head dam. Due to natural causes, the dam is already showing signs of breaching with water leaking through the cracks of the dam. With each freeze/thaw cycle, the deterioration worsens. Continued damage to the dam potentially could negatively impact the ruin the of mill, the bank, an adjacent bridge and road, and county park. The house is located across the road.

In addition to the need for a state certificate of approval, this project is also being reviewed pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the lead federal agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District as an additional federal agency. The demolition and removal of a portion of the dam results in an Adverse Effect under the federal review. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is being developed to resolve the adverse effect of the undertaking, in consultation between the federal agencies, consulting parties, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the duties of which are carried out by the staff of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Initial archaeological documentation of the dam has already occurred, and further documentation is being considered as mitigation during demolition to record important information about the dam as an archaeological feature. Important components of the dam's construction may be imbedded and hidden inside it and can only be observed and recorded during the project. The section of the dam nearest to the ruins of the mill will be retained and preserved in place.

The staff recommends, if a certificate of approval is granted, the Board condition the certificate on the following:

1. The low head dam shall be archaeologically documented during demolition.
2. A portion of the dam nearest to the ruins of the mill will remain in place.
2. Any substantial revisions to the project must be submitted in writing to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology prior to implementation for review board approval.
3. This certificate of approval shall remain valid through July 19, 2025.

Sievert asked how much of the dam will be retained. Dollase asked about the dam and bank stabilization in relation to Indiana Landmarks' preservation easement. Staff answered both inquiries satisfactory. A motion was made by Larrison to grant the certificate of approval with conditions as recommended by Staff. It was seconded by Shaw. All members voted yea. No nays or abstentions. The motion passed.

IV. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the Last Notification

Listed

CLARK COUNTY

Clark-McKinley Historic District, Roughly the east side of North Clark Blvd. and the west side of McKinley Ave. between Francis and Brooks Aves., Clarksville, MP100009012, LISTED, 5/30/2023
(Residential Planning and Development in Indiana, 1940-1973 MPS)

Patterson Place Historic District,

Roughly bounded by Clark Blvd., Harrison, Sunset, Howard, and Stansifer Aves. including each side of Patterson Ave., Clarksville, RS100009013, LISTED, 7/7/2023
(Historic Residential Suburbs in the United States, 1830-1960 MPS)

DELAWARE COUNTY

Forest Park Elementary School, 2517 West 8th St., Muncie, MP100009020, LISTED, 5/30/2023
(Indiana's Public Common and High Schools MPS)

MARION COUNTY

Engine House No. 23, 1002 Udell St., Indianapolis, SG100009019, LISTED, 5/23/2023

German Market Garden Farms of Perry Township (Marion County), Indiana, 1867-1972 MPS,
MC100009011, COVER DOCUMENTATION APPROVED, 5/23/2023

MONROE COUNTY,

Stipp-Bender Farm, 5075 South Victor Pike, Clear Creek vicinity, SG100009014, LISTED, 5/31/2023

SHELBY COUNTY,

Clover Ford Iron Bridge, Blue River Memorial Park, 725 Lee Blvd., Shelbyville, SG100009015, LISTED, 5/22/2023

Returned

None.

Rejected

None.

Removed

HAMILTON COUNTY, Carmel Monon Depot, 211 1st St., SW, Carmel, OT13000420, REMOVED, 5/22/2023
(moved without consultation)

NEWTON COUNTY, McCairn-Turner House, 124 West Jasper St., Goodland, OT94000232, REMOVED, 5/22/2023
(demolished)

WABASH COUNTY, Manchester College Historic District, 604 College Ave., North Manchester, OT90001929,
REMOVED, 5/22/2023 (demolished)

V. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: October 25, 2023, 1:30 p.m., at Fort Harrison State Park Inn & Conference Center,
Roosevelt Room (Inn Building), 5830 N. Post Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46216. Deadline for receipt of
Certificate of Approval applications, September 15, 2023, 4:45 p.m.

Mueller adjourned the meeting at 2:18 pm.