Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes  
July 18, 2018  
Bona Thompson Memorial Center  
5350 University Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Board members present: DNR Deputy-Director Chris Smith, Board Chair; Beth McCord; Scott Keller; Jason Larrison; Dan Kloc; April Sievert.

Staff members present: Paul Diebold; Amy Borland; Holly Tate; Chad Slider; John Carr; Danielle Kauffmann; interns: Emily Riley, Cori Meyer, Sara Polk

Visitors/Speakers present included: Camille Fife; Brandon Denton; Eric Trotter, City of Elkhart; James Glass; Annie Glen; Thomas Glen, Jr.; representing Mount Pleasant Beech Church: Judith Jones, Patricia Jones, Ben Ross, Priscilla Phelps, David Phelps, Donna Hannon, John Hannon. Representing American House Hotel: Dennis Kern. from INDOT: Mary Kennedy, Kelyn Alexander, Tyler Wolf. from Westfield, IN: Melissa Hinshaw; Linda Naas; Judi Shuck; Tim Gerrity; Kevin Todd; Ann Catron; Mic Mead; Steve Reitmeyer; Melody Jones; Julie Sole; Ryan McDaniel; Pam & Mike Lee; Jill Mead; Robert & Michelle Beauchamp; Randy Zentz; George Sanburn; Marla Ailor; Cliff & Theresa Bradley; Vicki Gardner; Bruce Hanson; John Nail; Teresa Otis Skelton; Matt Skelton. from Indiana Landmarks: Mark Dollase, Sam Burgess, Jessie Russell. In all, attendance numbered about 90 persons.

Call to Order

Deputy-Director Chris Smith convened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Approval of the January meeting’s minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2018 Review Board minutes were approved. Motion to approve was made by Larrison and seconded by Kloc.

Division Director’s Report

Smith called for Diebold to present the Director’s Report. Diebold reported as follows: for the Survey & Registration Section, a workshop on November 8th regarding use of the Multiple Property Documentation Form, Residential Planning & Development in Indiana. The NR backlog has been reduced to 40 from 58 (58 being the number at the beginning of the year). We have a new NR reviewer in Washington – Jim Gabbert, a fellow Hoosier. August 16th the NR Certificate Program will be held at the State Fair. Photo contest table will also be at the State Fair. Allen County survey is wrapping up. The Financial Incentives, Admin and Planning section reports that in June, the DHPA received approval of its Fiscal Year 2019 Historic Preservation Fund grant award, which will help fund the 12 subgrant projects approved by the Board at the January meeting, plus 4 additional cooperative agreement projects. Indiana received a small increase of its grant award for the second year in a row, which brings the State’s HPF award up to $958,392. The Grants staff is working to initiate the new subgrant projects as quickly as possible to mitigate the effect of delays at the federal level. Structures Review section reports that a recent Section 106 Training workshop at Indiana State Police Post Museum had about 50 participants. Danielle Kauffman is new staff person in Structures Review. On July 13, 2018, DHPA held a workshop in Hope, IN called OCRA Community Exchange. Attendees were trained in Certificate of Approval and 106 review requirements. In the Archaeology, the DHPA is
pleased to announce that August 25, 2018 will be the next Indiana Public Archaeology Symposium. The event will be held at the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, IU, Bloomington and is open to the public. The Symposium is being held in conjunction with the Indiana Archaeology Council’s annual workshop. Further information will be forthcoming on our Facebook and web pages. The Archaeology Roadshow at the Indiana State Fair will be August 18, 10- Noon at the DNR Building. Guests at the fair are welcome to bring an archaeological artifact or two along to show State Archaeologist Amy Johnson for identification. September will be Indiana Archaeology Month. Events will be posted on our web and Facebook pages as we get closer to September. Planning is happening currently.

Introduction to Bona Thompson Memorial Center

Executive Director and Marion County Historian Steve Barnett made brief remarks about the history of the 1903 building in which the board was meeting today.

Resolution in Honor of Mitchell Zoll

Chairman Smith noted that Mitch Zoll had passed away suddenly in early June. He read a resolution prepared by Beth McCord as follows:

Mitch Zoll Tribute Resolution

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell K. Zoll, Division Director of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, completed outstanding service with the Division since 2013;

WHEREAS, Mitch Zoll was Vice President of Pioneer Consulting Services, from 2007-2013 and Assistant Director of the Archaeological Resources Management Services, Ball State University from 1986-2007;

WHEREAS, Mitch was a mentor to numerous archaeology students, a friend to numerous colleagues, an advocate for historic preservation and archaeology and a gentle soul;

WHEREAS, the passing of Mitch has caused a deep sadness in the archaeological community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board is pleased to recognize the significant professional achievements of Mitch Zoll, and herewith express its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to Indiana archaeology and historic preservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Board and that copies be sent to Mitch’s family.


Said resolution to be signed by Chairman Smith and the State Historic Preservation Officer, Cameron Clark.

The resolution was made a motion by McCord, seconded by Sievert, and passed unanimously. Staff noted that a signed copy will be presented to the Zoll family at an upcoming meeting of the Indiana Archaeology Council.
National Register Applications

Due to a large crowd for the Westfield Historic District, that application was moved to the front of the National Register agenda.

10. Westfield Historic District, Hamilton County (2521)

Diebold presented the staff comment. The chair asked for public comments and recognized the following, who spoke in favor of the application: Linda Naas, Marla Nailor, Mark Dollase, Bruce Hanson, and Elaine Hinshaw. While these comments were general in nature, Hanson, the media director for Westfield Preservation Alliance, noted that several public meetings were held to educate property owners about the district. Those speaking against the designation of the district included: Teresa Otis Skelton, Bob Beauchamp, Mic Mead, David Weeks, Cliff Bradley, Mike Lee, and George Sanburn. Several people said they had no knowledge of the effort, while others were concerned about a proposed highway project to widen SR 32, that they feel the community needs. John Nail requested that the designation be delayed. Matt Skelton, Town of Westfield, requested that the designation be studied further. Keller introduced a motion to delay the designation indefinitely. There was no second. Larrison introduced a motion to alter Keller’s suggestion, whereby, the board would table the designation until the October, 2018 meeting, and Keller added that an effort to invite all owners of private property directly should be made by the petitioners (those in favor of the district effort). Sievert seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

1. M. Fine & Son Building, Floyd County (2492)

Holly Tate presented the staff comment. She distributed current photos of the building, taken very recently. Smith recognized Camille Fife, consultant. Fife described the special window restoration process used for the metal sashes as well as the rehabilitation of the building. Jason Larrison made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers, Kloc seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. H. & A. Selmer Inc. Factory, Elkhart County (2501)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Eric Trotter, preservation officer for Elkhart, Indiana, spoke in favor of the nomination. Sievert made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Keller seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Sullivan Courthouse Square Historic District, Sullivan County (2506)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Kloc made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Anderson High School Wigwam, Madison County (2508)

Diebold presented the staff comment. McCord made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Sievert seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Fountain City Historic District, Wayne County (2489)
Diebold presented the staff comment. The chair recognized Mary Kennedy. A former resident of the area, she asked why national significance was not checked on the form. Diebold explained that the nomination was adequate as-is, and the staff wanted to move forward with the backlog of nominations it faces. Larrison made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Kloc seconded the nomination, the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Dublin Friends Meeting House, Wayne County (2511)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Chairman Smith recognized Annie Glen, pastor of the meeting house. She spoke in favor of the nomination and mentioned a story that seems to indicate a date of 1978 rather than 1874 for the building. Staff stated that they would reconcile the information before sending the nomination to Washington. Kloc made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Sievert seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Mount Pleasant Beech Church and Cemetery, Rush County (2512)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Jessie Russett, Indiana Landmarks, spoke in favor of the nomination. McCord made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Greentown Commercial Historic District, Howard County (2513)

Diebold presented the staff comment. He noted that there several letters of objection and several letters of support for the district. Sam Burgess spoke in favor of the district, noting that Indiana Landmarks holds a covenant on a property in the district. Kloc made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

9. Isaac and Ruth Arnold House, Marshall County (2518)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Sievert made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Kloc seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

11. Marion P.C.C. & St. Louis Railroad Depot, Grant County (2521)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Kloc seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

12. American House Hotel, Carroll County (2523)

Diebold presented the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. McCord seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

At this point, Scott Keller asked to be excused due to a previous appointment. The chair noted that a quorum still exists and continued business.
Certificates of Approval

1. Application by the Indiana Department of Transportation for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. P000-07-07101B (NBI No. 60310), also known as the Ramp Creek Covered Bridge, which carries Park Road over North Fork Salt Creek at the north entrance of Brown County State Park near Nashville, Brown County.

John Carr presented the staff comment. He noted that this project is addendum to an existing Director’s clearance letter. Staff believes that placing the item on the agenda would avoid a potential wait if the matter were to be handled another way. Archaeological reconnaissance has been completed and no eligible sites were identified. Additional trees will be planted nearby to mitigate those lost due to equipment clearance needs. Carr described the project and stated that the use of Western Red Cedar rather than Poplar might potentially cause the interior of the bridge to appear different, since no paint is applied to the interior siding. Staff noted that INDOT has requested that the C of A be in force for a period of two years from date of issuance. Staff has no objections to the work proposed by INDOT. Larrison made a motion to approve the Certificate of Approval, as outlined in the staff comments, and Sievert seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Listed

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
Little Crow Milling Company Factory, 201 S Detroit St, Warsaw, SG100002488, LISTED, 5/24/2018

MARION COUNTY
Stout Field, Administration Building, Address Restricted, Indianapolis vicinity, SG100002491, LISTED, 5/30/2018

MARION COUNTY
Stout Field, Hangar, Address Restricted, Indianapolis vicinity, SG100002493, LISTED, 5/30/2018

MARION COUNTY
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 261 W 25th St, Indianapolis, SG100002490, LISTED, 5/24/2018

MARION COUNTY
University Club, 970 N Delaware St, Indianapolis, SG100002494, LISTED, 5/24/2018

MIAMI COUNTY
Peru Courthouse Square Historic District, Roughly bounded by Wabash R., Wabash, 7th & Miami Sts, Peru, SG100002492, LISTED, 5/23/2018

MONROE COUNTY
Dimension Limestone Industry in the Bloomington, Indiana Area, ca. 1816-1967 MPS, MC100002495, COVER DOCUMENTATION APPROVED, 5/30/2018

PUTNAM COUNTY
Cloverdale Historic District, Generally bounded by Robert L. Weist Ave, Lafayette, Logan & Grant Sts, Cloverdale, SG100002496, LISTED, 5/30/2018

PUTNAM COUNTY
National Road over Deer Creek Historic District, US 40 & W Cty Rd 570S, Old US 40 & S Cty Rd 25E & Putnam County Bridges #237 & 187, Putnamville vicinity, SG100002497, LISTED, 5/23/2018

Returned

SULLIVAN COUNTY, Center Ridge Cemetery, Sullivan.
RANDOLPH COUNTY, Union Literary Institute

Rejected
None.

Removed
None.

Set date for the next meeting
Proposed date: October 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m., location TBD due to numbers of interested persons for Westfield. Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications, September 7, 2018, 4:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.