Board members present: DNR Deputy-Director Chris Smith, Board Chair; Jim Corridan; Beth McCord; Scott Keller; Jason Larrison; April Sievert; Josh Palmer

Staff members present: Mitchell Zoll, DHPA Director & Ex-Officio Board Member; John Carr; Paul Diebold; Chad Slider; Holly Tate

Visitors/Speakers present included: Anuradha Kumar, INDOT; Patrick Carpenter, INDOT; Link Ludington, Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites; Marsh Davis, Indiana Landmarks; Ben Clark, DNR-State Parks; John Warner, consultant; Rebecca Smith, Pastor, Hobart First Methodist Episcopal Church; Linda M. Shedrow, congregant, Hobart First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Call to Order
Deputy Director Chris Smith convened the meeting at 2:04 P.M. in the Roosevelt Room at Fort Harrison State Park Inn.

Approval of the July meeting’s minutes
The minutes of the July 19, 2017 Review Board meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made by Jason Larrison, seconded by April Sievert.

Division Director’s Report
Smith asked for Mitch Zoll to present the report. Zoll noted that many events are being held for Archaeology Month, including tours at Mounds State Park and Strawtown Kotweewi Park that were led by DHPA staff.

National Register Applications
Smith noted that the board will take National Register items out of order to accommodate visitors. Items are presented here in order of consideration.

1. Hobart First Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage, 650 and 654 East 4th St., Hobart, Lake County (2484)
Paul Diebold presented the staff comment. Sievert made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers. Larrison seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

2. South Whitley Historic District, roughly bounded by Broad, Calhoun, Wayne, and Line Sts., South Whitley, Whitley County (2487)

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

3. Lakeside Historic District, roughly bounded by St. Joe Blvd. on the west, Edgewater Ave. on the south, Tennessee Ave. on the north, and Crescent/California Aves. on the east, Fort Wayne, Allen County (2537)

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

4. Stout Field, Administration Building, Marion County (2470)

Due to materials being redacted from the application, Smith stated that some board members are having difficulty determining information regarding the building’s eligibility. Smith requested that the board table both Stout Field applications. Larrison introduced the motion to table the application until the next meeting, Corridan seconded the motion.

5. Stout Field, Hangar, Marion County (2471)

This item was tabled until the next meeting, per the above the discussion.

Emergency Action Using State Funds

INDOT’s request to explain the Emergency Action Using State Funds taken with regard to the SR 46 Bridge over Little Laughery Creek (Bridge No. 046-24-03124A; NBI No. 17430), 1.22 miles west of SR 229, near Batesville in Franklin County

Patrick Carpenter explained that a structural deficiency was discovered in this bridge, necessitating its closure to traffic. Steel beams were installed under the bridge to provide additional load capacity. Carpenter explained that the Section 106 review and negotiations for the bridge are still in process and that this emergency action will not affect Section 106 proceedings.

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

Listed

LA PORTE COUNTY
Wynkoop--Taylor--Swanson--Sharp Farmstead, 3463 N. IN 39, La Porte vicinity, SG100001607, LISTED, 9/18/2017
MARION COUNTY
Old Pathology Building, 3000 W. Washington St. (Central State Hospital), Indianapolis, AD72000011,
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVED, 9/18/2017

MARSHALL COUNTY
Argos Northside Historic District, N. Michigan St. between Smith & N. of North Sts. & Maple St. between Church & Poplar Sts., Argos, SG100001613, LISTED, 9/18/2017

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
Mishawaka Fire Station No. 4, 2319 Lincolnway E., Mishawaka, SG100001614, LISTED, 9/18/2017

STEUBEN COUNTY
Cline, Cyrus and Jennie, House, 313 E. Maumee St., Angola, SG100001615, LISTED, 9/18/2017

VIGO COUNTY,
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods Historic District, Roughly bounded by St. Mary's Rd., 1840 Way St., Grove & Orchard Lns., Woods Way, & College Rd. 2, Terre Haute vicinity, SG100001616, LISTED, 9/18/2017

Removed

MARION COUNTY, Cotton-Ropkey House, 6360 W. 79th St., Indianapolis, OT84001086,
REMOVED, 9/18/2017

Administrative Business

1. Proposal to establish a new board policy: The issuance of a Certificate of Approval provided by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board or the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology under IC 14-21-1-18 or as required elsewhere, shall be in effect for two years from the date of approval. If circumstances warrant, the applicant may request a single two-year extension prior to the lapse of the certificate of approval, with the consent of the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board.

Chairman Smith began discussion of the item by distributing proposed language for the policy; this varied from the agenda item as follows (bold faced and strike through items are changes to the posted agenda item):

Amendment 1:

“The Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Certificate of Approval provided by the Historic Preservation Review Board or the Division of Historic Preservation under IC 14-21-1-18 or as required elsewhere, shall be in effect for two years from the date of approval. If circumstances warrant, the applicant may request a single two-year extension prior to the lapse of the certificate of approval, with the consent of the Historic Preservation Review Board.”

“Amendment 2:
The issuance of a Certificate of Approval provided by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board or the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology under IC 14-21-1-18 or as required elsewhere, shall be in effect for two three years from the date of approval. If circumstances warrant, The applicant may request a single two-year extension prior to the lapse of the certificate of approval, with the consent of the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board.”

These items were introduced as motions and discussed.

Smith called for Corridan to explain the reasoning behind the policy. Corridan stated that he feels that having a set time frame for Certificates of Approval would permit additional public and board input into alterations and proposed demolitions. He cited the instance of Simpson Hall at Indiana School for the Deaf; the board had issued a Certificate of Approval to demolish the building in the early 1980s, and the former Indiana State Police Post in Seymour, for which the board issued a Certificate of Approval for demolition several years ago. Neither building has been demolished and the original need stated for such has changed in both cases.

Chairman Smith recognized Larrison, who asked staff about terminology used, “Certificate of Approval” versus “Certificate of Appropriateness,” the latter being a term used by the City of Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission. Larrison asked if the purpose of the policy was to inform decisions about demolition. Larrison explained the needs of state agencies to properly budget for projects, in an environment where budgets may suddenly shift, causing unforeseen delays.

After further discussion, Larrison introduced a motion to amend the two above amendments, to strike out “single two year extension” to read “extensions.” Additionally, Larrison introduced a statement to add to the policy, at the end, reading “If extensions are requested prior to the lapse of the Certificate of Approval, the Certificate of Approval is valid until the board takes action on the item.” Palmer seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued and the chair recognized various members of the audience. First, Ben Clark of DNR – State Parks spoke, requesting information about Director’s clearance letters under 312 IC 20-4. Chad Slider explained this process to the board and audience. After discussion as to viability of the Director’s letters, Smith stated that DNR Legal staff will investigate. Next, Anuradha Kumar of INDOT was recognized and addressed the board. She stated that two years is too short for nearly all INDOT projects, granted the unforeseen aspects of many planned projects. Smith asked if the review application form can be changed to note the idea of specifying the time for your project. Slider answered and requested that the board consider five years as a starting point for Certificates of Approval. Next, the chair recognized Link Ludington of State Historic Sites. He explained that the current system works well for his agency, and that they screen projects within their agency to determine which might need a Certificate of Approval beforehand. This allows them to save office resources by not submitting 13 copies for the board for minor repair items. Ludington pointed out that the board had requested and received Master Plans for all state historic sites. Diebold added that the Indiana World War Memorial also has a board-approved Master Plan, and that the intent was to allow the board to preview alterations that might happen years in the future. Slider asked to be recognized and stated that he favored a longer period for Certificates of Approval, since the board meets only four times and year and meeting quorum is still an issue for the board. The chair next recognized Marsh Davis of Indiana Landmarks. Davis asked if the new policy would be retroactive. After discussion, it was decided that DNR Legal staff must address whether the policy can be retroactive.
After further debate of the time frame for Certificates of Approval, Corridan called for the motion for approval as worded:

“Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Certificate of Approval provided by the Historic Preservation Review Board or the Division of Historic Preservation under IC 14-21-1-18 or as required elsewhere, shall be in effect for two years from the date of approval. The applicant may request extensions prior to the lapse of the certificate of approval, with the consent of the Historic Preservation Review Board. If extensions are requested prior to the lapse of the Certificate of Approval, the Certificate of Approval is valid until the board takes action on the item.”

Larrison seconded, and the policy was approved.

Set date for the next meeting
Proposed date: January 17, 2018, Municipal Gardens, 1831 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, 2:00 p.m.  
Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications: December 8, 2017, 4:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 P.M.