

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 12, 2008**  
**5:00 PM**

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board met in their regular monthly meeting on the above date in the Information Systems Training Room on the Second Floor of the Boone County Administration Building.

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 5:08 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Linda Salsbury, Bob Schrage, Bridget Striker and Pat Wingo. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Recording Secretary Jan Hancock.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Ms. Wingo moved to approve the minutes of the May 2008 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Striker and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
  1. ***Historic Boone County* column** No additional information.
  2. **Race for the Graves, E/I Trails, Sunday, June 15** Mr. Becher stated that the race is this Sunday. A jail crew has been out cutting tree limbs. He expects at least 100 people to register and hopes to raise \$800 - \$1,200.
  3. **Burlington Wayfinding (aka Preserve America Communities Grant) Project** Mr. Becher stated that the twenty plaques for historic buildings are nice looking. They will be placed at an angle and large enough to contain information on the history of the building. He expects them to be finished by August 1. Don Spicer and a number of inmates have done a lot of work on building the kiosk.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
  1. **Old Burlington Cemetery Trust Fund** Mr. Becher stated that there is currently about \$30,500 in the Trust Fund. The approximate \$1,500 raised by the Board last fall has not gone into the Trust Fund. He and Mrs. Striker will follow up on the money. He stated that routine maintenance is currently costing about \$4,500 a year. The maintenance cost needs to be reduced significantly, or more money needs to be raised. At the current rate of return, the fund would need to have about \$100,000 in it to earn enough interest to pay the \$4,500 annual maintenance cost. Mr. Schrage questioned inmates doing the maintenance. Mr. Becher stated that he could probably get them to do the maintenance to the edge of the right-of-way, but they will not take care of the cemetery because it is owned by the descendants of those who set up the cemetery in the 1830's. The property is exempt from property taxes and no ownership is shown in GIS. Mr. Schrage questioned Public Works doing the maintenance. Mr. Becher stated that he thinks there would be totally different results than having Jan and Jerry Garbett do it, but the Trust cannot afford

to continue paying \$4,200 - \$4,800 per year. Ms. Wingo stated that it may be possible to get a Quit Claim deed to the cemetery if a non-profit was set up to manage it. Mr. Becher stated that the Trust Fund is set up at Huntington Bank. It can accept grants and donations. The money is in bonds at about 4.5% a year. The administrator of the Trust is on vacation and he will talk to her when she returns. It may be possible to have more aggressive investments, but that would involve more risk. He will talk to the Garbetts and see what they do for the money they are paid and tell them that the costs have to be reduced. He will request a report from them covering the work they have done over the last two years. Mr. Clare stated that the first thing to do is to get the money already raised into the Trust Fund. Mr. Schrage agreed and stated that the Board should receive a list of itemized expenses that were paid out of the money raised. Mr. Clare recommended tabling this discussion until the Board finds out how much money there is and it is put into the account.

2. **2007-2008 Federal Survey & Planning (CLG) Grant** Mr. Becher stated that with the Federal grant money and the match, there is \$11,667 available to hire someone to do the Woolper Creek archaeological work. Ms. Fox will contact the organization, Remke & Ziegler, that has been set up for properties along Woolper Creek. Mr. Becher stated that nothing will happen until after the new fiscal year starts on July 1. He expects the fieldwork to be done in September and October. The artifacts will go to the University of Kentucky for permanent curation.
3. **William A. Tanner House, 8572 Old Toll Road** Mr. Becher stated that the house may be difficult to move off of the site due to the road and the elevation, but there are things within the house that are worth saving – such as the front entrance. Ms. Wingo stated that the site developer is willing to store the salvaged items for six months. Mr. Becher stated that the significance of the house is where it is and the setting. Two hundred feet of rock wall is still buried in the weeds on the hillside and it could be relocated. Ms. Wingo stated that it is the last stone wall on the Florence-Union Turnpike and they would like to use it along that stretch, possibly at the senior center or the new park going in on U.S. 42. Mr. Becher stated that the current owners are pro-conservation. He will get a ballpark figure on the cost to move the stone wall within ten miles of the property and have it reset. The Board will then see if they can find a place for it.
4. **Fall Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour** Mr. Becher stated that the Paranormal Investigators of Northern Kentucky (PINK) wanted to get a date set because of their other commitments and Ms. Striker suggested October 22, 23 and 24.
5. **July and August Review Board Meetings** Ms. Fox stated that it is difficult to get a quorum in July due to vacations and the August meeting is usually cancelled due to the Fair. Mr. Clare moved not to have a meeting in July or August. Ms. Wingo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. It was agreed that if anything comes up that needs the Board's attention, Mr. Becher will send out an email.
6. **Boone County Fair** Mr. Becher stated that the library is taking over the booth from the Planning Commission. Ms. Striker stated that there will still be a local history component and Board members can volunteer to help out if they wish. Mr. Schrage stated that people associate history with the library and this may be a better arrangement. Ms. Striker stated that the library is taking over the Planning Commission's lease on the booth. The Board members volunteered to help.

7. **Other** Ms. Striker stated that Petersburg Heritage Days on September 27 has been scaled back to a Fish Fry, a walking tour, a show and children's games. They are not able to have beer because it is a county event.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Salsbury moved to adjourn. Ms. Wingo seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 11, 2008 at 5:00 PM at a location to be determined. If any interim meetings are called, Board members will be notified by email.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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Matt Becher, Rural/Open Space Planner  
Boone County Planning Commission

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Pat Fox, Chair  
Historic Preservation Review Board

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