

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11, 2008**  
**5:00 PM**

A quorum of the membership was not present for the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board meeting on the above date in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building. Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare and Bob Schrage. Also present were Matt Becher, representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission, and Recording Secretary Jan Hancock.

The members present participated in a general discussion of:

1. **Historic Boone County Column** – Mr. Becher is seeking submissions for the *Historic Boone County* Column. He suggested an October article about “haunted” buildings in Burlington to tie in with the Ghosts & Mysteries tour. Mr. Clare suggested the Gaines Tavern Archaeological Project as a topic.
2. **Burlington Wayfinding (aka Preserve America Communities Grant) Project** Mr. Becher stated that this project has been completed and the ribbon cutting ceremony has been held. All of the property owners are very happy with the plaques.
3. **Gaines Tavern and Old Courthouse Grant Projects (FY 06-07)** Mr. Becher stated that these projects have been completed. Jeannine Kreinbrink is finishing up the National Register Nomination for the Gaines Tavern. A second group of students is working on the drawings for the old courthouse and we will have a nice set of architectural drawings when they are finished. Mr. Becher will make copies of the Archaeological Survey Report for Board members on request. He has also written a report on the history of the courthouse.
4. **Old Burlington Cemetery Trust Fund** Mr. Becher has not been able to find out when the funds from the 2007 Walking Tour and Bike Race will be deposited into the account. There is about \$3,000 to be deposited. Ms. Fox will contact David Whitehouse. Mr. Becher will continue to wait to hire the equipment necessary to trim the trees until the funds are received. Public Works is willing to do the work, but he needs to rent the equipment. Flaig Welding has repaired the fence and it will be reinstalled after the tree trimming work is completed. Mr. Becher stated that Jerry Garbett has reduced the number of times per month that he cuts the grass and dropped the cost to \$2,500 - \$3,000/month. Mr. Schrage stated that the cost is now at a point where it can be paid by the interest. Following general discussion, Mr. Schrage suggested working towards a goal of getting the county to take over the cemetery. Mr. Becher agreed. Mr. Becher has copies of the calendar done by the Garbetts to raise funds for the trust fund. The calendars are available for \$15 each. He is looking for places to sell them. Mr. Clare suggested selling them at Dinsmore.
5. **Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey (FY 07-08)** Mr. Becher plans to hire a consultant to direct the project as soon as possible so that the fieldwork can be finished before winter sets in. He has not put out the RFP yet. Ms. Fox volunteered to help.
6. **Fall Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour** Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Striker is working with Mr. Whitehouse and the Parks Department on the Ghosts & Mysteries

Tour. It will be held October 22, 23 & 24. Ms. Fox stated that it may also be held on Saturday, October 25. The Historical Society will be helping out. Gabriel Summe will also help. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Ms. Striker.

7. **William A. Tanner House, 8572 Old Toll Road** Mr. Becher stated that he will work with the stonemason to coordinate the dismantling and storage of the stone wall during the week of September 22. The stone wall will probably be stored for a few years until the Parks Department can do something with it.
8. **Hall of Judges** Mr. Becher stated that next Thursday, September 18, at 5:30 PM, Judge Frohlich will reveal his *Hall of Judges* – images he collected of Circuit judges for the last 200+ years.
9. **Preservation Poker Paddle** Ms. Fox suggested a fundraising project *Preservation Poker Paddle*. The idea is for people in canoes and kayaks to go from point to point and pick up a card. The best poker hand at the end wins. This Board could partner with Friends of Big Bone to sponsor a Preservation Poker Paddle. The event could be held in May at Pebble Creek, Mudlich Creek, or Big Bone and it would also help to promote paddling in the area.
10. **Rural Heritage Development Initiative Conference** Mr. Clare attended the Rural Heritage Development Initiative Conference, which involved about seven or eight central counties in Kentucky. The idea is to promote agricultural district preservation and agri-tourism by applying agricultural programs (like PACE and Development & Comprehensive Land Use Plans) to rural heritage. The study was funded by Kellogg's and he does not know if they are still giving grants to do this. He was impressed by what they are doing. The project is in its infancy. He feels that it is a good idea to get these organizations together into one initiative. Mr. Becher stated that the problem is implementing the recommendations. Mr. Clare would like to reintroduce the idea in Boone County. He feels that the atmosphere has changed because tobacco has gone out and people are looking for land uses other than development. He would like to see if there is any interest at Fiscal Court, Planning & Zoning, the Farm Bureau, and the Extension Office. It would be a big project and should come out of Kevin Costello's or Dave Geohegan's office. He would like to put together a consortium to create awareness of the rural land and create a Rural Heritage Plan to make recommendations that will be followed. Mr. Becher suggested using the existing Kellogg's plan. Mr. Clare would like the groups in the county to get together and discuss it. Ms. Fox suggested involving the Conservancy. Mr. Becher stated that it might be appropriate at the Heritage Conference next spring. Mr. Becher will forward a copy of the Kellogg's study to Jeff Earlywine. Ms. Fox asked the Board to review copies of the Kellogg's study for discussion at the next meeting.
11. **Heritage Consortium** Mr. Clare stated that Louisville, Clarksville, and Jefferson County, Indiana have created a "Heritage Tourism Consortium" where everyone works cooperatively instead of working independently toward the same goals. He would like to see Northern Kentucky do the same thing. He would like to see Kenton County, Campbell County and Boone County work together regionally and concentrate on museums. Mr. Schrage suggested this topic for an Action Plan Item. This item will be on the agenda for discussion next month.

The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on October 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM in the Old Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

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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