

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 9, 2008**  
**5:00 PM**

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board met in their regular monthly meeting on the above date in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 5:07 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, 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. Striker moved to approve the minutes of the June 2008 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wingo and approved by all. Mr. Becher stated that the September meeting minutes do not need to be approved, but should be corrected as follows: Page 1, Item 4, under Old Burlington Cemetery Trust Fund, the sentence should read: 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/year (not per month).
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
  1. ***Historic Boone County Column*** Mr. Becher passed around copies of the *Greene Line Steamers Served Boone* article written by Don Clare and published on October 2. He stated that the article submitted this morning on the Renaker House is already in the on-line edition of the Recorder. He passed out a list of possible topics and trivia questions. Additions to the list are welcome. Judge Frohlich will write an article for November, but articles are needed for December. Mr. Becher will send Ms. Striker the articles already published to be made into an E-Book or Podcast.
  2. **William Tanner House, 8572 Old Toll Road** No additional information.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
  1. **Old Burlington Cemetery** Mr. Becher has copies of the calendar done by the Garbetts as a fundraiser for the cemetery. The calendars are \$15 each. He will give 10 copies to Cabin Arts to sell. Mr. Becher, Ms. Fox and Ms. Striker met with Jeff Earlywine and Kevin Costello about the possibility of the county assuming ownership and responsibility for Old Burlington Cemetery. The members of the Historic Preservation Review Board will discuss this being a unique situation – this Board is not going to Fiscal Court saying that we do not have any money. Ms. Fox stated that the Board should present a budget and be prepared to address the question of *how much is this going to cost?* Ms. Striker stated that the Board has proven fundraising abilities and can show that they have worked in the past. Ms.

Fox recommended that the Board members discuss the historic significance of the cemetery, the fundraising events that have been held each year and the money that has been made, and the fact that there is money in the Trust Fund. She stated that the Board is trying to be proactive and address issues before they become urgent. The Board needs to establish a long-range plan and show that we will live up to our stewardship of the cemetery. She stated that possibly Fiscal Court will take the cemetery over, or at least provide some help. Ms. Striker stated that the cemetery might be eligible for Phase II funds from the Preserve America Grant. She agreed that the Board needs a long-range plan and questioned getting a grant to pay for a consultant to help the Board write a long-range plan. Ms. Fox and Ms. Wingo will work on the long-range plan. Ms. Striker will help as her time allows. Mr. Becher will contact Ann Johnson to see if any other Kentucky cemeteries have a long-range plan. Mr. Becher stated that the \$3,072 received for the 2007 Walking Tour and Bike Race will be deposited into the account tomorrow.

2. **Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey (FY 07-08)** Mr. Becher stated that the only response received to the RFP was submitted by the University of Kentucky. Their price is \$200 under budget and their proposal meets the criteria. He believes that they can get the job done. Following discussion, Mr. Clare moved that the Historic Preservation Review Board approve the proposal submitted by University of Kentucky Program for Archaeological Research and ask the Planning Commission to enter into a contract with them to perform the Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey. Mr. Schrage seconded the motion and it was approved by all.
3. **Fall Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour, October 23, 24, & 25** Ms. Striker provided copies of the map for the walking tours. She will lead one of the walking tours and Laurie Wilcox will lead the other. Jan Garbett will do tours of the cemetery. 100+ people have signed up. She has several volunteers and they still need some positions filled. The first group starts at 6:30 PM and the second group starts at 7:00 PM. If necessary, they will add a 7:30 PM tour. The Paranormal Investigators of Northern Kentucky will do demonstrations of their equipment.
4. **Northern Kentucky Heritage Consortium** Mr. Clare stated that the approach would be a consortium of this Board, Rabbit Hash, Friends of Big Bone, Split Rock, the library, and any other heritage-related organization. Each organization would still be separate and independent, but there would be a pooling of ideas and resources instead of each organization trying to figure out by themselves how to promote heritage tourism in Boone County. There would be a sharing of information, ideas and research. It would be cooperative -- not competitive. He is thinking regionally, but wants to start countywide. He feels that the concept may not have been properly presented in the past. He stated that thirty or more organizations would form a consortium and, with the passing of the Park Tax Levy, there could be a lot of possibilities. He stated that the more money Parks has to provide green space, the less development there will be. He is opposed to structures being torn down when houses, factories, and other buildings are sitting vacant. Mr. Schrage suggested meeting with the leaders of five or six organizations and seeing what they think. Mr. Clare suggested that this be a discussion item at the retreat in January 2009.

- 5. Other (1) Preservation Poker Paddle** Ms. Fox suggested a Preservation Poker Paddle event during Preservation Month. The concept is that people paddle to various points and pick up a card. The best poker hand wins a prize. She and Pat Lenze met with a representative of PaddleFest and they would lend their support and help. The event could be held at Big Bone landing and be a cooperative effort of preservation –oriented organizations (Split Rock, Dinsmore, Rabbit Hash Historical Society, etc.). It could be a festive event with booths, food, and people dressed up as historical figures. Ms. Striker stated that the county might be willing to write a grant. Ms. Fox stated that Parks is already involved. Mr. Becher stated that the county would probably get involved if it is done at the boat ramp. Ms. Fox stated that it could be an event planned by the consortium that Mr. Clare discussed.
- (2) Larkin Vaughan Cemetery** Mr. Becher stated that he has a grave marker from the cemetery, which is located behind Wal Mart on Houston Road. One of the descendants wants him to put back a grave marker that he has and have a ceremony. As a government employee, he is not comfortable officiating at a ceremony to replace the grave marker. Ms. Striker suggested contacting Hopeful Lutheran Church. Mr. Becher will email her the information.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **October 10 - Bike Race at Idlewild Park** beginning at 1:00 PM. Spectator friendly. International Racers at 5:00 PM.
- **October 18 – 19 Salt Festival at Big Bone**
- **October 24 - Mary Ingalls the Captive** sponsored by Friends of Big Bone
- **October 25 - Unveiling of Mary Ingalls Statue** at noon the Library. Pat Fox will speak about the significance of Mary Ingalls to Boone County. Everyone is invited.
- **November 20 - Excavation of Bison at Big Bone** Glenn Stores will speak at the Friends of Big Bone Meeting about the concept that Big Bone was the site of a bison slaughtering ground by Native Americans. Hopefully, there will be pictures and artifacts (or copies of artifacts).

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Wingo moved to adjourn. Ms. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on November 13, 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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