

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2009
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 5:05 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Rick Duncan, Bob Schrage, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Recording Secretary Jan Hancock.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Mr. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the February 2009 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Striker and approved by all.
- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Notes in regard to the Item Updates, and added the following comments:
 1. ***Historic Boone County Column*** The article written by Mr. Becher about Burlington Presbyterian Church was published in The Recorder today. Mr. Clare's article about John Uri Lloyd will be submitted for publication in April.
 2. ***Woolper Creek Archaeological Survey (FY 07-08)*** The survey team will go out to the site on March 17 and they expect to finish up by Friday, March 20.
 3. ***Big Bone Lick National Natural Landmark Dedication*** Mr. Becher stated that he believes the dedication is scheduled for May 1 at 11 AM. He will send out more information when it is available. Judge Moore, the Commissioners, the Park Commissioner and other dignitaries will be invited. Ms. Fox stated that the students from New Haven Elementary School who sent letters will be acknowledged. Food will be served.
- V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**
 1. ***Frank S. Milburn Machine Shop Demolition*** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Notes in regard to the demolition of the machine shop. He stated that Assistant County Administrator Tim Williams is willing to work with him and this Board to put pressure on the University of Nebraska Foundation. Mr. Williams wants the University of Nebraska to donate the land to the Conservancy. Mr. Becher stated that the land could be used as a tourist center area if the Greenways Plan becomes a reality. Mr. Clare recommended suing the University of Nebraska. Mr. Becher will talk to the County Attorney to see if that is an option. Mr. Clare stated that the University of Nebraska should be required to do research and write a complete book about Frank Milburn and his importance to the United States during the war

and during the post-war era, as well as his importance to Boone County. He stated that they destroyed a lot of history and they need to provide a well-researched document. Mr. Becher stated that he was not able to salvage anything from the building, not even a floor plan. Ms. Fox questioned what can be done going forward to prevent this from happening again. Mr. Duncan questioned what the Building Inspector has to do with a Demolition Permit and why this Board is not in the loop. Ms. Fox suggested inviting Tim Williams to the April meeting for an in-depth discussion of this issue. Mr. Becher stated that the April Agenda is already full since Counselor Wilson will be at that meeting. He stated that this Board is a county board and the County Attorney is this board's legal counsel. Counselor Wilson cannot give this Board legal advice. Ms. Fox expressed her appreciation to Counselor Wilson for agreeing to meet with this Board, but the Milburn Machine Shop Demolition issue is now a priority and she would prefer to have the County Attorney or someone from the County Attorney's office present at the April meeting to address it. Mr. Becher stated that he does not want to wait too long because the University of Nebraska could sell the property. Mr. Becher will cancel Counselor Wilson for the April meeting. Ms. Striker suggested an emergency meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Becher will try to schedule a time for members of this Board to meet with Tim Williams and a representative of the County Attorney's office as soon as possible.

2. **Larkin Vaughan Headstone Rededication – June 6** Mr. Becher stated that the Boone County Historical Society wants to put Larkin Vaughan's headstone back and have a ceremony on June 6. Ms. Fox stated that they want someone from this Board to be in charge of the day and organize the event. Mr. Becher stated that he is not able to do that. Ms. Striker stated that the library is not able to do it either. Following discussion, Ms. Striker moved that the Board advise the descendants that this Board is not able to orchestrate the ceremony. Ms. Fox seconded the motion and it was approved by all.
3. **Boone County Heritage Day(s) – July 18 & 19** Ms. Fox stated that it takes time to plan a large event like this and it is already March. Ms. Striker stated that she and other library staff have a prior commitment on those days. Ms. Fox stated that she likes the idea of Heritage Days and it is on the Action Plan, but this Board is committed to other events in May due to Preservation Month. Following discussion, Ms. Striker moved that this Board recommend to the Historical Society that this Board would be willing to partner with them next year for Boone County Heritage Day(s), provided that the planning process starts at least ten months in advance. Ms. Fox seconded the motion and it was approved by all (Mr. Schrage had already left the meeting).
4. **2009 Action Plan – Review & Finalize** Mr. Becher will remove the Sidewalk Art Festival and Heritage Days from the 2009 Action Plan, and correct the date of the E/I "Race for the Graves" to September 13.
5. **2009 Boone County Preservation Awards Nominations** Ms. Striker stated that the library's large meeting room is not available on May 14. She will check availability on May 7 and May 21 and take whichever date is available. If the Preservation Awards ceremony is on May 7, there will not be a meeting that evening.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, April 4 – Northern Kentucky History Day
- Thursday, May 7 or May 21 TBD – Preservation Awards
- Saturday, May 16 – Split Rock Open House (to be confirmed)
- Saturday, September 13 – E/I “Race for the Graves” Mountain Bike Race

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Clare moved to adjourn. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on April 9, 2009 at 5:00 PM in the Old Clerk’s Building behind the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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

Pat Fox, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date