

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2007
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, Mike Duncan, Linda Salsbury, 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. Schrage moved to approve the minutes of the June 2007 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Striker and approved by all.

- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. **FY 2006-2007 CLG Grant (Gaines Tavern/Old Courthouse)** No additional information
 2. **Old Burlington Cemetery** Mr. Becher stated that he received several calls after the pictures of the damage at Old Burlington Cemetery appeared in *What's Happening*. One of the callers, calling on behalf of Flaig Welding, offered to fix the fence free of charge. Mr. Becher will have the stump removed and work with Flaig Welding to repair the fence. He will ask the arborist from Central Park to identify what needs to be done to clean up the trees and minimize storm issues.
 3. **Historic Boone County column** Mr. Schrage will do an article on Judge Carroll Cropper. Mr. Becher has a list of topics and is looking for volunteers to write articles.
 4. **National Register Property Owners Outreach** No additional information
 5. **Courthouse Attic Cleanup/Archives** Mr. Becher stated that he attended another meeting today and they are working to schedule a date to clean out the courthouse attic spaces. It will probably occur on a Wednesday or Thursday when there is less traffic at Child Support. He will try to get the county to shut down Courthouse Square so that they can take the items outside and people wearing haz mat suits will go through them. At this point, he does not know what is in the back of the second room. Some of the items will go back into the building until it is determined what to do with them. Mrs. Striker stated that all of the items that go back into the building will be sealed in individual bags until it is decided what is to be done with them or until there is grant money to clean them.
 6. **Other** Heritage Fair is this Saturday. It is open to the public and they are hoping for a good turnout. At least ten organizations will have tables. The tables for Friends of Big Bone, Rabbit Hash, and this Board will be together. The agenda for the day is available from Mrs. Striker. Mrs. Fox asked for Structures books to

sell. Mr. Schrage suggested taking the opportunity to pass out cards for people to register to be on the mailing list for the Newsletter, or using a sign-up clipboard if cards cannot be printed in time.

V. Items for Discussion and/or Action

1. Parks Department Partnership and Upcoming Events Mrs. Fox stated that at the meeting, David Whitehouse talked about projects he has done in the past and he is excited about new historic/heritage projects and programs. Mr. Becher agreed and stated that the Parks Department has money in their budget, but they do not have enough programs. They have cash and grants. He stated that Mr. Whitehouse even talked about a riverboat tour. Mrs. Striker stated that they want to do an event in the spring that includes putting plaques up around Burlington to identify what happened at different sites.

A. Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour Mr. Becher stated that as of last Tuesday, there were 70 reservations. They will do a second tour the same night. He asked for volunteers to tell stories and lead the groups. He has a script for the Old Courthouse and the Kiger Trial and the Old Clerk's Building. He stated that parents will be able to drop off their children to do crafts while they go on the tour. It may become an annual event. The money raised by the tour will be used for Old Burlington Cemetery. Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Striker and Mr. Becher will meet to work on the planning. Mr. Becher passed around a sign-up sheet.

B. 5K Run at E/I Park Mr. Becher stated that the proceeds from this event will go to a different charity every year. This year the proceeds will go directly to the trust fund for Old Burlington Cemetery. The event is expected to raise \$2,000 – \$3,000.

2. Boone County Historic Plaque Application, 241 Main Street, Florence Mr. Schrage moved to approve a Boone County Historic Plaque for property at 241 Main Street that is currently owned by Carol Kumar. The bronze plaque will read *Samuel Craig House c. 1842 – Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board.* Mrs. Salsbury seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

3. Other (1) Mrs. Salsbury stated that some years ago, the Historic Preservation Review Board stored shutters from a house being torn down in her garage, as well as iron basin that went into a fireplace. Her garage has been torn down, but she is still keeping the items under roof. She questioned how long she would need to store them. She will provide the measurements of the shutters to Mr. Becher. She also has an old wooden pegged corncrib of her own and questioned where it could be used. The Board discussed possible locations for reuse of the items. Mr. Becher will try to compile a list of people who have stored items on their property. (2) Mr. Duncan stated that there may be a mound on the property across from Bullittsburg Church near the entrance to I-275. He is concerned that the property will be developed and the mound will be bulldozed. Mr. Becher explained the process through the Planning Commission to protect mounds. He will alert Kevin Wall and, if a Development Plan comes in, Mr. Becher will go out to the site. The Board discussed how to locate and protect mounds. Mr. Clare stated that the state archaeologist knows the locations, but does not put them out to the public because people will disturb them for the pots. Mr. Becher stated that

he has all of the state archaeological sites in GIS (cemetery, historical structures and archaeological layer). The planners do not have access to all of the layers. He suggested an Agenda Item for October to discuss the procedure with Kevin Costello. He stated that the archaeological layer is under the control of the state Office of Archaeology. **(3) Upcoming Events** Mrs. Fox stated that the Split Rock Annual Pig Roast (minus the pig) is October 6 starting at 4:00 PM. Cost is \$35 for adults. The Salt Festival is October 19 – 21. Dinsmore Gala and Harvest Fair is the weekend of September 23. Boone Conservancy has an event at Turfway the first weekend in October.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Duncan moved to adjourn. Mrs. Salsbury seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on October 11, 2007 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