

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2017**  
**4:00 PM**

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board held their monthly meeting on the above date in Room 204-A, Boone County Administration Building, Burlington.

- I. **Call to Order.** There being a quorum of the membership present, Chair Pat Wingo called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.
- II. **Roll Call.** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Wingo, Vice-Chair Bridget Striker, Pat Berry, and Dr. Eric Jackson. Also present was Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission.
- III. **Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Striker moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017, Review Board business as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berry and approved unanimously.
- IV. **Item Updates**
  1. **Old Boone County Courthouse.** Mr. Becher reported that the rehab project continues and remains on schedule for completion in October. Crews finished excavating the elevator pit in the Annex and final demolition and abatement of the asbestos flooring in the Courtroom should commence soon. The masonry contractor has obtained three pallets of brick salvaged from a recently demolished Covington building. They are a very good match in both dimensions and color to the original courthouse brick, which was fired on site during construction. Exterior masonry and roofing is expected to begin as soon as the weather permits.
  2. **Cemeteries in Union and at CVG.** The airport's abandonment request for the Barlow Cemetery was approved by Fiscal Court at their June 6 meeting. However, relocation of the Barlow and Popham 2 cemeteries (already declared abandoned) will have to wait for FAA approval due to some sort of NEPA issue. Archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink is handling the relocations and is hoping to reinter those recovered from the Ann Popham Cemetery in early June. As for the Old Bethel Church Cemetery on Mt. Zion Rd., remote sensing results have shown some sub-surface anomalies. She will need to coordinate with Drees, Inc., before saying more, but the general plan is to preserve the cemetery in place.
  3. **2017 Preservation Awards.** Mr. Becher noted that this year's Preservation Awards reception went off without a hitch and was attended by 75 or more people. Visitors were able to enjoy the restored General Store both before and after the awards presentations. Please keep potential recipients for 2018 in mind as he has already started a working list.

## V. Items for Discussion and/or Action

- 1. Miller House on the Piner Property.** Mr. Becher noted on May 22, he met with representatives of NKU's Center for Applied Ecology at the Miller House near Big Bone Lick. They were accompanied by a hazardous materials inspector from the US-EPA. The purpose of the visit was to identify those elements and materials of the house which should/can be salvaged for reuse. Items discussed included: windows, doors, some decorative interior woodwork, hardware, fireplace mantels, the interior staircase, and decorative exterior woodwork. Salvage of the windows and anything painted is complicated by the presence of asbestos (window glazing) and/or lead paint, which must be abated before it can be taken off site. NKU-CEU is working on drafting a contract based on the understanding that the neighbor across the street will salvage most of the listed items for reuse in new construction on his lot. Anything that can be salvaged which he does not want or cannot use would be abated and stored by NKU-CEU for potential future reuse elsewhere. NKU-CEU will fund the abatement and salvage operation and subsequent abatement and demolition of the Miller House. They are hoping to have this completed by September. The house continues to deteriorate and, despite being boarded up and locked, 2 of the mantels and all of the original iron door hardware has already been stolen. Mr. Becher will continue to update the board as things move forward.
- 2. Boone County Comprehensive Plan.** At their May 31 meeting, the Planning Commission's Long Range Committee reviewed and discussed all comments received to date on the 2010 Goals & Objectives (G&O). Staff has been instructed to be preparing an initial draft of revised G&O for Plan2040 based on current data and comments received. Although a time line has not yet been set, this draft will be made available for public review and comment. The final G&O will likely be adopted sometime in late summer, at which point staff will begin working on the elements of the plan itself.
- 3. Archaeological Site on Cleek Ln.** Mr. Becher reminded the board that this item was first discussed in April, after he was advised that an archaeological site on a property off Cleek Lane in southern Boone County may be threatened by housing construction. The site (15Be476) has a Middle Fort Ancient component and midden - the type of site which almost always has human burials. At that time, Mr. Becher coordinated with the property owner and also the archaeologist who initially reported the site in 1997, who concluded that the two houses already permitted in the subdivision are not near the midden (where burials are most likely). On May 25, Mr. Becher received a call from Martin O'Madden, who lives on the farm adjacent to one of the new home sites. Mr. O'Madden, himself a professional archaeologist, reported finding prehistoric artifacts (including pottery and stone tool fragments) in a shallow drainage near the north end of his property. Included in these materials is a small piece of what Mr. O'Madden believes to be a human mandible. He believes the artifacts and bone have washed down from

the foundation excavation. After consulting with County Coroner Missy Rittinger, Mr. Becher visited the site with the Planning Commission's Zoning Enforcement Officer. He also observed artifacts in the reported area but was unable to determine whether/how they could have washed down from the excavation approximately 300 feet away, up a slight slope (<5%), and across an overgrown double fence line. The Coroner is working to confirm that the bone fragment is human. The property owner has been advised that future excavation (e.g., for a septic leech field) on the site would need some sort of archaeological monitoring.

4. **John Uri Lloyd/Stringtown on the Pike KHS Marker.** The Boone County Historical Society (BCHS) plans to purchase one last Kentucky Historic Highway Marker (John Uri Lloyd/Stringtown on the Pike) in Florence with their remaining Bicentennial funds, which is possible if the City of Florence splits the cost with them. They have again requested assistance from Mr. Becher and the Library's Local History Dept. Ms. Striker stated that she and her staff are happy to assist and to just let her know what may be needed.
5. **Burlington IOOF Cemetery.** Mr. Becher commented that this agenda item was added due to concerns over the disposition of the African-American section at the back of the cemetery. Ms. Striker explained that there have been issues relating to both the ownership and the long term maintenance of the African-American section of the cemetery for a number of years. The section is on a separate parcel which is contiguous with the IOOF property. A court order issued by Judge Frohlich in 2003 (which required a 15 year waiting period) should allow resolution of the ownership issue in 2018. Clarification of the ownership issue should lead to some sort of resolution regarding maintenance.
6. **Other.** Dr. Jackson commented that Kentucky Heritage Council National Register Coordinator Marty Perry is actively encouraging nominations from across the state and would welcome seeing nominations from Boone County.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Berry made a motion to adjourn at 5:05 PM. Ms. Striker seconded and all present agreed. The next business meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be September 14, 2017, at the Boone County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matt Becher, Rural/Open Space Planner

Boone County Planning Commission

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Thomas Schiffer, Recording Secretary

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Pat Wingo, Chair  
Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board

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