Resolution of the County Board
of
Kankakee County, Illinois

RE: HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION FOR FOERSTER HOUSE

WHEREAS, the Kankakee County Board, at its April 10, 2007 meeting passed a resolution creating the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Kankakee County Board, at its December 9, 2008 meeting passed a resolution creating the Historic Preservation Ordinance of Kankakee County; and,

WHEREAS, the Kankakee County Board appointed nine (9) members to the Historic Preservation Commission and gave the members authority to apply to become a Certified Local Government (CLG), which would give the Historic Preservation Commission the authority to nominate property and/or structures as Historic Landmarks; and,

WHEREAS, the National Park Service approved the designation of the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission as a Certified Local Government in May 2009, therefore giving the Commission authority to nominate properties and/or structures as Historic Landmarks; and,

WHEREAS, an application pursuant to the terms of the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Ordinance, has been filed by Aaron & Catherine Langlois, property owners and applicant of the Foerster House located at 381 E Bourbonnais Street, Kankakee, IL in the Office of the Kankakee County Planning Department to Landmark the home; and,

WHEREAS, the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the application August 21, 2018 and from the testimony and evidence presented findings were made as described in Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached and the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval of the nomination to Landmark the Foerster House; and,

WHEREAS, the property is located in the City of Kankakee and there is an intergovernmental agreement with the City and Kankakee County to landmark properties within their jurisdiction with approval from the City Council. The City Council meeting was held on November 5, 2018 having reviewed, discussed and considered the matter, the nomination to landmark the Foerster House located at 381 E Bourbonnais Street, Kankakee was approved by City of Kankakee Resolution #2018-42, attached herein as Exhibit B; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee of the Kankakee County Board at its regularly scheduled and duly noticed meeting of November 21, 2018 having reviewed, discussed and considered the matter, concurred with the approval of the request to nominate the Foerster House located at 381 E Bourbonnais Street, Kankakee as an Historic Landmark on the County level.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kankakee County Board, at this regularly scheduled meeting of December 11, 2018, after review, consideration, and discussion accepts the recommendation of the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee and hereby approves the Historic Landmark Status on the County level for the Foerster House.

PASSED and approved this 11th day of December 2018.

Andrew H. Wheeler, County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Dan Henderickson, County Clerk
This is the criteria analysis and recommendation of the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission concerning an application for Historic Landmark Nomination from property owners and applicants Aaron and Catherine Langlois in Case No. 2018-01. The home, known as the Foerster House, is located at 381 E Bourbonnais Street, Kankakee, IL. The applicants and owners are seeking to have local landmark status to preserve the historic integrity of the exterior of the above mentioned home.

After due notice required by law, the Historic Preservation held a public hearing on this case on August 21, 2018 at the Kankakee County Administration Building 2nd Floor Conference Room, 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois, and hereby report their findings of the criteria and their recommendation as follows:

**Site Information**: See application (attached herewith).

**Public Comments**: There was no public comment. (Refer to transcripts for full details)

**Analysis of Four Criteria**: After considering all the evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing, the Commission makes the following analysis of the four (4) criteria listed in Section 119-47.3 of the Chapter 119 Kankakee County Historic Preservation Ordinance. Each application must meet at least one of the following criteria before a favorable recommendation can be granted on the petition.

A. **It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.**

   The Commissioners finds that there was no significant event associated with this application.

B. **It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.**

   The Commissioners finds that this criterion does have significant persons associated with the past. As the owners were Gustave and Louise (Radeke) Foerster. Gustave was treasurer of the Radeke Brewery (Mr. Foerster’s father-in-law owned the business) in Kankakee and a member of the state legislature. These are just some highlights of the persons associated with the past and this home. Detailed information is available in the application.
C. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

The Commissioners finds that this home does have historical significance. The home’s most prominent architectural feature is its Prairie School design. In addition, the home retains all the original details that were built into it with the exception of the change in materials on the front porch posts. The applicant has indicated that they are working on re-bricking the posts to be consistent with the original architecture. The home is architecturally intact and has large eaves and wheat patterned stained glass windows. The home’s most unique feature is the brick exterior instead of the stucco that is normal exterior of this design.

D. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

The Commissioners finds that this criterion does not apply to this property.

Recommendation: We find that the proposed landmark does meet two (2) of the criteria for recommending granting as found in Section 119-47.3 of the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Ordinance and that such a request is in the public interest. Therefore, the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends that the application to landmark the property at 381 E. Bourbonnais, St., Kankakee, IL hereby be granted.

Vote: The vote was seven (7) members for the motion to recommend granting, zero (0) opposed.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August, 2018 by the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission.

Patricia Wagner, Chair – Aye
John Adams – Aye
Michael Donahue – Aye
Shari Ebert – Aye
Jane Johnson – Aye
Steve DePasquale – Aye
Ron Shank – Aye
Mardene Hinton – Absent
Terry Johnston – Absent
CITY OF KANKAKEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-42

RESOLUTION GRANTING HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR
THE FOERSTER HOUSE, 381 EAST BOURBONNAIS STREET

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF KANKAKEE
THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018

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of the City Council of the City of Kankakee,
Kankakee County, Illinois, this 5th day of November, 2018
RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 42
CITY OF KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

A RESOLUTION GRANTING HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR
THE FOERSTER HOUSE, 381 EAST BOURBONNAIS STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Kankakee has adopted an Ordinance (Ord. No. 2013-01, adopted on
January 22, 2013) establishing an Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kankakee has adopted an Ordinance (Ord. No. 15-27, adopted on
July 6, 2015) authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Kankakee
and Kankakee County relating to the City of Kankakee’s Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 25 of the Municipal Code sets forth landmark designation procedures
for areas, structures, buildings, and sites; and

WHEREAS, Aaron and Catherine Langlois ("Applicant") are the owners of a structure on the
property commonly known as 381 East Bourbonnais Street, Kankakee, IL (PIN 16-1705-114-019); and

WHEREAS, a 1911 Prairie School style home, designed by Edwin A. Seipp, is located on the
property; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2018, the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission
conducted a public hearing in connection with the application, after notice of said hearing was duly
given; and

WHEREAS, the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission has rendered a
recommendation to the Kankakee City Council that the property located at 381 Bourbonnais Street,
Kankakee, Illinois, be granted Historic Landmark Designation; and

WHEREAS, all of the requirements of Chapter 35 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, as
related to landmark designation procedures and criteria for landmark designation, have been met by
the applicant and the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kankakee, Kankakee
County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the recitals contained in the Preamble hereeto are incorporated as part of this
Resolution.

Section 2. That the structure located on the property at 381 East Bourbonnais Street is hereby
granted Historic Landmark Designation.
Section 3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Kankakee County Recorder of Deeds and is further directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission and the Applicant.

Section 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Chastity Wells-Armstrong (Mayor)

Anjuanita Dumas, R.M.C., City Clerk