



Property Committee Agenda
Room 400, Government Center
Thursday, May 3, 2012
3:45 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Chairman's Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2012
March 20, 2012 Stand-up
3. Departmental Matters:
 - A. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management
 - 1) Items to be Presented for Information:
 - a) Historic Tourism Center Proposal at the Old Courthouse 1
 - b) General Report
 - c) Other
 - B. Mike Steffa, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
 - 1) Items to be Presented for Information: 2
 - a) General Report
 - b) Other
4. Other Business and Communications
5. Recommend Payment of Bills and Transfers, if any, to County Board
6. Adjournment



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To: The Honorable Members of the Property Committee
Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator

From: Jack Moody, CFM
Director, Facilities Management

Date: April 27, 2012

Subj: **2012 Illinois Public Museum Capital Grant Program**

On March 22, 2012, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced via a press release that IDNR is now accepting applications for submission by Illinois public museums operated on government property for non-matching grants in this year's program. The total amount of grant funds available is \$15 Million dollars. The maximum award to any single successful applicant is \$1 Million dollars. The deadline for submission to IDNR of all grant applications is Monday, May 7, 2012.

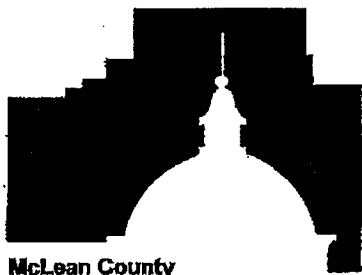
Mr. Greg Koos, Executive Director of the McLean County Museum of History, and Mr. Russell Francois, AIA and I have been meeting for several weeks regarding the desire by the Museum to establish *Heritage Tourism Center* in the basement of the Museum. This proposal has no opportunity for achievement without the aid of this grant opportunity. The project is exactly the kind of proposals IDNR is interested in reviewing and possibly awarding.

Very briefly, the proposed project would include a landscaping element at the south side of the old Courthouse, remodeling of the very old and sadly worn public restrooms in the basement, and a visitor's center consisting of educational and resource sharing areas in the basement. Currently, the basement of the old Courthouse does not provide exhibit areas as do the other three floors.

Mr. Koos and Mr. Francois and I would like to explain this proposal in more detail with you at the May Property Committee meeting.


Thank you for this opportunity to share an exciting vision to enhance the Museum resources as an Illinois public museum.

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TO: Honorable Chairman and Members, Property Committee

FROM: Michael J. Steffa, Director of Parks and Recreation 

DATE: 04/24/12

RE: General Report

Parks Usage – YTD as of 04/24/12

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<u>Camping Nights</u>	580	524	762	557	450	480	438	496	448

Watercraft Registration

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Annual	992	644	675	517	447	713	671	466	332
Daily	83	56	55	38	32	58	119	36	44

Additional Departmental Activities:

1. FIRST DAY OF CAMPING RESERVATIONS (April 7th) – 2256 Site Nights Booked!
2. Boat Rental, Marina, & Bait Shop Opened For Season (March 31st). Due to high demand we opened two weeks early.
3. Hosted the IHSA Sectional Bass Fishing Tournament (April 20th) – 10 Schools represented with two teams per school and two team members per boat: 40 Members Total. Congratulations to the top three high schools to advance to the State High School Bass Fishing Tournament. 1st Place – Morton High School, 2nd Place – Metamora High School, and 3rd Place – Washington High School. Despite cold and drizzly conditions all teams caught their limits, with the biggest bass weighing in at 5 ½ lbs.!
4. Conducted a GPS/Geocaching Class on April 21st. We had 10 participants.
5. Two (2) Scientific Research Permit Issued – ISU Biology Dept.
6. Assisted with Fish Netting Survey w/IDNR – Fish Populations Very Healthy (Muskie & Saugeye).
7. Presented two (2) Park Programs to local schools: Lexington Grade School (6th Grade) and Olympia High School.