

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
Rooms 209 & 210
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman and Jeff Wehrli

Absent: Melissa Maye

Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner

In the audience: Stephen Knutson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehrli, to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2017 meeting. With a voice vote of three ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

PrairieFest Recap

Discussion occurred regarding PrairieFest. Commissioners felt that the event went well; they felt that the booth could have had a better location. Mr. Wehrli noted that more people examined the maps at the Kendall County Fair than at PrairieFest. Chairwoman Heiman suggested that a banner should be placed outside the tent to note that the Commission was not trying to sell anything. Ms. Flowers suggested having a gimmick to attract people to the tent. Mr. Wehrli suggested having pictures of historic structures at future events.

Discussion occurred regarding having other historic preservation organizations sharing booth space. The consensus was that the area was too small to have many historic preservation groups under one tent. However, if the historic preservation groups were in the same area on the grounds, the proximity of similar organizations would be beneficial.

Ms. Flowers suggested using GIS to showcase historic locations. Mr. Asselmeier stated that the suggestion was possible by using the 1939 aerials and the centennial farm maps. However, the Commission would need access to electricity.

Discussion occurred regarding attending other, similar community events. Chairwoman Heiman would examine attendance figures at these events, particularly an event in Yorkville, and compare events based on number of attendees.

Chairwoman Heiman suggested writing a letter to the editor thanking everyone that visited the booth.

Stephen Knutson drew Randy Wood's name as the winner of the watercolor painted by Julie Kline.

Review and Recommendation on Historic Preservation Ordinance

This matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Centennial Farm Mapping Project

Commissioners reviewed the map of centennial farms and sesquicentennial farms. The identified farms were shown as they exist today. Commissioners requested a slightly darker color for centennial farms. One (1) farm on Collins Road was believed to no longer exist. Mr. Asselmeier will check this information. Mr. Asselmeier will also cross-reference the sesquicentennial farm list with the centennial farm list. It was noted that each township had at least one (1) centennial farm. The information could be used to identify houses for plaques.

Potential Meeting with other Historic Preservation Organizations

Commissioners decided to hold a meeting with other historic preservation organizations as their regular meeting on February 21, 2018. Chairwoman Heiman is working on a list of prospective invitees. The meeting will be held at the historic courthouse.

Selecting Homes for Plaques

Commissioners will use the farms shown on the centennial farm map as a starting point. Mr. Asselmeier will obtain the common addresses for each farm and see if pictures are on file.

Millbrook Bridge Update

No update on the Millbrook Bridge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner