

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
Rooms 209 & 210
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:30 p.m.
June 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki, Elizabeth Flowers (Secretary) (Attended Remotely), Kristine Heiman (Attended Remotely), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020, meeting and February 19, 2020, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli emphasized the importance of the County Board approving the amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and obtaining State approval for Certified Local Government status.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of a Proclamation Declaring Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County

Mr. Asselmeier stated that the proclamation will need to be amended to proclaim July or August Historic Preservation Month and to remove the Whereas regarding "This Place Matters" since May is normally Historic Preservation Month. The unanimous consensus of the Commission was to declare August Historic Preservation Month and to strike the Whereas regarding "This Place Matters".

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of February 19, 2020, Meeting with Other Historic Preservation Organizations

Commissioners discussed the February meeting. Commissioners liked having the meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to have an additional meeting with the Historic Preservation groups besides the February meeting. The suggestion was made to have a meeting at the Hoover Forest Preserve. Mr. Asselmeier will prepare a letter from Chairman Wehrli thanking groups for attending the February meeting, noting that the February meeting was very productive, suggesting having a second meeting in 2020 (either in-person or remotely), asking for input on the idea of meeting a second time in 2020, and stating that meeting more than once a year can be beneficial for all historic groups.

Approval of Invoices in the Amount of \$50.99 for Food and Beverage at Event; Related Invoices Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63800)

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the invoice.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Review of Historic Preservation Award Applicants

Mr. Asselmeier presented an application from LaSalle Manor.

The pictures from the 2019 award presentation are on the County's website. When the award presentation occurs with LaSalle Manor, the pictures from that presentation will be placed on the County's website.

Mr. Asselmeier will coordinate with the County Board and LaSalle Manor regarding presenting the award. One (1) of the August County Board meetings is the preferred date.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve an award for LaSalle Manor. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

Update on Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Asselmeier presented his memo on the subject. He noted the new application fee and staggering of Commissioners' terms.

Discussion occurred regarding removing the requirement that structures over fifty (50) years of age receive approval for demolition from the Commission prior to demolition. The Commission may revisit this topic at some point in the future.

Discussion of Officers for 2020-2021

Mr. Asselmeier noted that Officers are nominated in July. He also noted that the proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance would make the Chairman appointed by the County Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Bernacki asked about honoring one (1) of the families that farmed the land where his subdivision is located. Member Bernacki will provide additional information on the property and family.

There were no additional public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner