

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Kendall County Office Building***  
***Rooms 209 & 210***  
***111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois***  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**August 17, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Kristine Heiman

Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda as presented. The votes were as follows:

Yeas (3): Bernacki, Flowers, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (1): Heiman

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020, meeting. The votes were as follows:

Yeas (3): Bernacki, Flowers, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (1): Heiman

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

***Cemeteries***

Chairman Wehrli reported that a lady approached him regarding cemetery maintenance and identification. He noted that several cemeteries have the remains of civil war era people and older.

Mr. Asselmeier noted that a cemeteries layer is on the GIS. Mr. Asselmeier will request a cemetery map from GIS. Mr. Asselmeier also explained cemetery zoning regulations.

The Commission will discuss this matter at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Approval of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission***

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Chairman Wehrli, to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (3): Bernacki, Flowers, and Wehrli  
Nays (0): None  
Absent (1): Heiman  
Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

### ***Approval of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission***

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Chairman Wehrli, to approve the appointment of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (3): Bernacki, Flowers, and Wehrli  
Nays (0): None  
Absent (1): Heiman  
Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Discussion of Recognizing Joseph Platt Brown and Ashby Farms***

Member Bernacki said that the homeowners' association will meet on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The consensus of the neighbors is that they are in favor of partnering with the County. The neighbors need to discuss the specifics of the recognition. Member Bernacki plans to stop at the Na-Au-Say Township board meeting and ask for the Township's participation.

Discussion occurred about the budget available for the project. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the Commission had a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) total budget for the current fiscal. The budget for the next fiscal year is unknown. Chairman Wehrli was interested in the level of financial commitment by the homeowners' association; the homeowners' association's involvement will dictate the type of memorial.

Member Bernacki will provide updated information at the next Commission meeting.

### ***Discussion of Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations***

Mr. Asselmeier noted that only a few groups provided responses.

Chairman Wehrli wanted Certified Local Government Status before having the next group meeting in order to have someone like Jon Pressley speak on the new tools available to the County as a Certified Local Government. Jon Pressley was suggested as a possible speaker.

### ***Discussion of Materials Required for Submittal of an Application for Certified Local Government Status; Commission Could Issue Recommendation on Application***

Commissioners reviewed the application materials. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the only outstanding items were the resumes of Members Flowers and Heiman.

Chairman Wehrli asked about the maintenance of a survey system. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the County could pursue a Certified Local Government Grant to conduct a formal survey of the County for historic properties; this could occur on a township-by-township basis. The State has approved forms for property surveys with specific information about the properties. The survey system would probably be electronic.

Discussion occurred regarding the proposed historic preservation plan.

Discussion occurred regarding the cost for future projects. If the County becomes a Certified Local Government, at least one (1) Commissioner will be required to receive training. Discussion occurred about possible contingency funds, if the County obtains Certified Local Government Status.

Mr. Asselmeier will resend the resume form.

Member Bernacki asked about the status of the existing local landmark. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the existing landmark was designated using provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance that have not changed with the recent amendments. Mr. Asselmeier was unsure if the existing local landmark was receiving any tax breaks.

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to recommend approval of the application with the addition of the resumes of Members Heiman and Flowers.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (3): Bernacki, Flowers, and Wehrli  
Nays (0): None  
Absent (1): Heiman  
Abstain (0): None

The motion carried. The proposal goes to the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee on September 3, 2020.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (3): Bernacki, Flowers, and Wehrli  
Nays (0): None  
Absent (1): Heiman  
Abstain (0): None

The motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM  
Senior Planner