

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
***Kendall County Historic Courthouse***  
***East Wing Conference Room (Hybrid Meeting)***  
***109 W. Ridge Street, Yorkville, Illinois***  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**November 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary) (Attended Remotely), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) (Attended Remotely), Kristine Heiman (Started Attending Remotely at 6:34 p.m.), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

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 Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the October 19, 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**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

Member Heiman started attending remotely at this time (6:34 p.m.).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Certified Local Government Application Items***

***Recommendation of an Amendment to Article II.1.F Setting a Minimum Number of Times that the Commission Meets Per Year at Four***

***Recommendation of an Amendment to Article III Regarding the Application Fee and Application Procedures for Landmark and District Designation***

***Recommendation of an Updated Application for Certified Local Government Status with the Amendments Listed Above***

Mr. Asselmeier presented the email from Jon Pressley. Mr. Asselmeier also presented the proposed change regarding the number of times the Commission is required to meet per year and the application fee information.

Chairman Wehrli asked about the timeline for adoption. Mr. Asselmeier responded that, since the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee is not scheduled to meet in December, the proposal could be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole. The earliest the County Board could take action is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend approval of the amendment to Article II.1.F of the Historic Preservation Ordinance regarding the number of times of the Commission meets per year.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend approval of the amendment to Article III of the Historic Preservation Ordinance regarding the application fee.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to recommend approval of the updated application for Certified Local Government Status with the amendments to Article II.1.F and Article III.18 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

The proposal goes to the Committee of the Whole on December 10, 2020.

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

Member Bernacki reported that the total amount was Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$827). The Commission paid Three Hundred One Dollars (\$301). Na-Au-Say Township is willing to pay up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300). The plaque is twenty by ten (20X10) on a three foot (3') tall stand. The plaque is bronze. The plan is to have the plaque dedicated in the spring of 2021.

Mr. Asselmeier noted that the invoice for the plaque had been sent for payment.

Member Bernacki noted the pictures he received of the Bronk Cemetery.

The plaque will be shipped to Member Bernacki.

Member Bernacki will coordinate everything for the dedication.

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

Mr. Asselmeier presented the draft agenda.

The consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting in the same location as the location of the County Board meeting with a remote attendance option.

The consensus of the Commission was to add an item on the February agenda after Challenges called How has COVID Impacted Your Organization.

Discussion occurred regarding having a group meeting later in 2021 that could be outdoors, if necessary. The Farnsworth House and the barn at the Henneberry Woods Subdivision. Mr. Asselmeier will research the ownership of the barn at the Henneberry Woods Subdivision.

The Commission will review food and drink for the event in January 2021.

Member Flowers noted the struggles of the Naper Settlement.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

The Commission reviewed the cemetery information.

Chairman Wehrli wanted to scout some of the cemeteries and get some pictures. He would like to honor some of the original settlers of the County.

Member Bernacki presented pictures of graves from the Bronk Cemetery.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Member Heiman asked about taking pictures of properties. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the Commission will have to decide after CLG Status is finalized if they want to pursue a preservation plan and/or survey of historic structures. Ideally, the Commission would obtain a grant for some of the costs associated with either project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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