

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:30 p.m.
May 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) and Lisa Wolancevich

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2021, meeting.

The votes were as follows:

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

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli said that he was pleased with the attendance at the plaque dedication for Joseph Platt Brown and Ashby Farm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Wolancevich, Kendall County Historical Society, announced a rededication of the Union School House with a ribbon cutting with the Yorkville and Oswego Chambers of Commerce at the Lyon Farm on May 26, 2021. There will be an open house and tours from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. with the ribbon cutting occurring at 4:30 p.m. She invited Commissioners to the event. She also discussed the grant from Landmarks Illinois and

the private donation that funded the painting of the Union School House. The Kendall County Historical Society is also working on a fundraising program for a gazebo at Lyon Farm.

Discussion occurred about a centennial families' picnic and having other historic preservation groups at the property. Chairman Wehrli reported that he is still gathering information related to the logistics of doing this type of event.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Plaque for Historic Preservation Award and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$163.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830)

Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice and proof. The fee was Fifteen Dollars (\$15) higher than previous years because of the cost of adding updating County Seal.

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

The Manthei family will be in attendance at the June 1st County Board meeting to receive the plaque.

OLD BUSINESS

April 21, 2021 Letter from Robert F. Appleman to Scott R. Gryder Regarding the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program

Commissioners reviewed the letter.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project

Mr. Asselmeier stated that he reached out to two consultants that do historic surveys. He was impressed with the work of Ken Itle from CJE, the firm that did the historic surveys for Kankakee and Will Counties. Mr. Itle indicated that he could assist with the CLG grant application at no charge. The anticipated cost of the project would be around Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) if volunteers were used or Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) if no volunteers were used. There was also the potential of having Intergovernmental Agreements with some of the municipalities to do surveys within municipal boundaries. The choice of which township to survey first would be based on the Commission's preference.

Chairman Wehrli asked if this type of work was seasonal because of bad weather in the winter. Mr. Asselmeier responded that, to his knowledge, weather does not play a large factor.

The cost would be per township.

Mr. Asselmeier's suggestion was to pick a township that did not have a large number of municipalities was experiencing average growth, such as Lisbon or Seward Township.

In Kankakee County, the Historic Preservation Commissioners served as volunteers.

Historic Atlases, historic plat books, and the Commissions' previous research and pictures will be used as a starting point of research.

The County's GIS Department will be actively involved in the project.

The consensus of the Commission was to invite Mr. Itle to the next meeting to further discuss costs and which township to select to survey.

Discussion of Recognizing Joseph Platt Brown and Ashby Farms

Member Bernacki reported the turnout was good and a variety of other, local families attended. He suggested assisting farmers find plat maps. The estimate of attendees was twenty (20) people. Chairman Wehrli suggested doing a similar event in the future with another family.

Discussion of Cemeteries

There was no update on the cemeteries. Chairman Wehrli encouraged Commissioners to visit and research cemeteries and share pictures.

Discussion of Community Events

The May 26th Kendall County Historical Society's ribbon cutting was again mentioned. Discussion occurred regarding having an upcoming Commission meeting at Lyon Farm in the summer or autumn. Chairman Wehrli provided an update on the pig roast and he is still investigating interest.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Asselmeier read a May 12, 2021, email from Jon Pressley regarding Section 106 Historic Preservation Training on May 18th and an Illinois specific training on May 28th. Member Heiman will attend the May 28th training and report back to the Commission in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Asselmeier announced that packets for the June meeting would be going out early because he will be out of the office the week prior to the June meeting. Remote attendance options for upcoming meetings was also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, 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 7:03 p.m.


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

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**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 17, 2021**

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NAME	ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)	EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)
LISA Wolanczyk		

Matt Asselmeier

From: Lisa Wolancevich [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Lyon Farm ribbon cutting

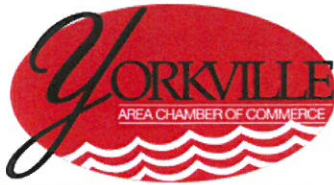
Hi Matt,

A year or so ago you gave me the contacts for the local historical society so I'm wondering if you could shoot that back out to me I can't find it. I want to invite you to the ribbon-cutting at Kendall County historical Society on May 26 330 to 5 both chambers will be present and We are rededicating the Union school house. We were awarded the Heritage grant from Landmarks Illinois and we had a donation for painting the Union school inside and out. After being closed for a year from Covid we are now cautiously re-opening. I would love to have you come out and see Lyon Farm. I would really like to give you the tour of the place. It is the history of Kendall County along with a genealogical research library for people of Kendall County we have information that you can find nowhere else. You can either give me a call [REDACTED] or you can respond to this email let me know if you were able to attend. Lisa Wolancevich

Sent from Lisa Wolancevich's I phone



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Ribbon Cutting: Kendall County Historical Society/Lyon Farm

May 26 @ 4:30 pm

Leads Groups
Committees

Kendall County Historical Society

RIBBON CUTTING 4:30PM
OPEN HOUSE 3:30-5PM

You're invited!

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 26**

Celebrate with the Yorkville and Oswego Chambers & tour the renovations at Lyon Farm

7935 IL Route 71, Yorkville

Please join us as we celebrate the newest renovations at Lyon Farm at 7935 IL Route 71, Yorkville.

3:30 -5 pm Open House

Ribbon Cutting at 4:30pm

Come join members of the Oswego & Yorkville Chambers of Commerce along with members of the Kendall County Historical Society as we celebrate the rededication of our Union School, District No. 42, built in 1847. On March 22 the Union School received a new roof with financial support from the Landmark Grant. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the Union School, take a walk through the village and visit local artifacts in the museum.

We will have Volunteers there to speak about the farm and Kendall County Historical Society's origins. We will serve refreshments and give tours of the grounds.

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Details

Date: May 26
Time: 4:30 pm
Event Category: Featured

Venue

Lyon Farm
7935 IL-71
Yorkville, IL 60560

26 W. Countryside Parkway, Yorkville IL 60560

[Get Directions →](#)

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Phone: (630) 553-6853

Fax: (630) 553-0702

Sign up for Yorkville Chamber News

Date: May 18, 2021

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm EST

Who should attend: HUD staff, grantees, and partners involved in the environmental review process.

May 12, 2021 Email from Jon Kressky

Region 5 Environmental Review practitioners,

Due to COVID-19, all in-person training events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. However, the HUD Region 5 Environmental Team has planned a **Remote Environmental Training Series (RETS)** during this period. The next training session will focus on **Section 106 Historic Preservation** and takes place on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 10:00am-12:00pm EST**. The **State Specific training will start the following week**. Those registrations are listed below for each state.

Please plan to attend the live session as we will plan on having time at the end for a live Q&A. Questions can be submitted in the chat box during the presentations.

Presenters for this session:

- Melanie Castillo, Regional Environmental Officer, Chicago (Illinois, Indiana)
- David Nuccio, Field Environmental Officer, Minneapolis (Minnesota, Wisconsin)
- Omri Gross, Field Environmental Officer, Columbus (Ohio)
- Mary Weidel, Field Environmental Officer, Detroit (Michigan)
- Nancy Boone, Federal Preservation Officer, HQ

We will be using **Microsoft Teams** for this session. If you are unfamiliar with this platform, here is a [quick tutorial](#) on how to enter the session once you get the invitation email.

Use the links below to register for the sessions you'd like to attend:

Section 106 Historic Preservation Overview

May 18, 2021 @ 10am EST

Minnesota: State-Specific Historic Preservation

May 24, 2021 @ 10am CST

Wisconsin: State-Specific Historic Preservation

May 24, 2021 @ 2pm CST

Indiana: State-Specific Historic Preservation

May 25, 2021 @ 10am EST

Ohio: State-Specific Historic Preservation

May 27, 2021 @ 10am EST

Illinois: State-Specific Historic Preservation

May 28, 2021 @ 9am CST

Michigan: State-Specific Historic Preservation

To Be Determined, use the link to submit your email to be notified when registration is open.