

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Kendall County Office Building*  
*County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)*  
*111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**November 15, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) and Kristine Heiman

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli expressed disappointment that the February meeting cannot take place at the Farnsworth House. The Farnsworth House might be available in the summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards***

Commissioners reviewed the award application packet and press release.

Chairman Wehrli noted the Henneberry Stone Barn renovation was not complete. He also noted a grain mill on Millhurst Road that had been a bed and breakfast; Chairman Wehrli would drive by the property.

Member Bernacki suggested nominating Lyon Farm as an organization. The consensus of the Commission was to request that the Kendall County Historical Society nominate themselves for an award. Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Kendall County Historical Society.

***Discussion of 2022 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups***

Mr. Asselmeier presented an email from the Farnsworth House saying they were unable to host in February due to the large number of potential attendees. Discussion occurred regarding the size of the meeting space at the Farnsworth House and the hours of operation for the Farnsworth House. Discussion also occurred regarding the cost of tours of the facility.

The Commission discussed alternative meeting locations. These locations included the Pickerill House, Dickson-Murst Farm, Gaylord House, Fern Dell, the UPA Hall in Plattville, the church in Helmar, the new winery on Plattville Road, Heap's Giant Pumpkins, Little White School House Museum, the Kendall County Historic Courthouse in the Courtroom, Ellis House, and Aux Sable Church. The Commission's first choice was the Pickerill House, followed by the Little White School House Museum, and Aux Sable Church. Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to the entities.

Chairman Wehrli suggested asking attendees at the February meeting where the next meeting should occur.

#### ***Discussion of Historic Survey Project***

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the County submitted the grant application on November 3<sup>rd</sup> following the County Board's vote to approve the application on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The State anticipated awarding grants in February or March. Grant projects must be complete and closed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Ken Itle was confident that he could complete the survey during that time period.

The grant will cover seventy percent (70%) of the Ken's costs. The County will pay the remainder as a cash match. Mr. Asselmeier's time and salary and volunteer time will not be quantified or included as costs or matches for the grant.

The State anticipates having another round of grants opening in January 2022.

#### ***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Member Bernacki discussed his search for the Bronk Cemetery. He would also visit the Seward Mound Cemetery.

Discussion occurred regarding the cemetery surrounded by land owned by Vulcan.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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