

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.
March 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021, meeting, January 18, 2022, gathering, and February 16, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli noted the Commission had good nominations for awards. He said that it was great to see the involvement of the various groups.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of February 16, 2022, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations

Approval of Invoices for Food and Beverages in the Amount of \$68.74; Invoices to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the expenditure. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

Follow-Up Discussion Regarding the Meeting

Discussion occurred regarding the acoustics in the meeting room. Member Bernacki was happy to hear that the Kendall County Historical Society has a scanner. Chairman Wehrli was glad to see attendees networking with each other and having people from Naperville attending the meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to have another group meeting in six (6) months. Discussion occurred regarding the location of the summer meeting. An award winner could be a host for the summer meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding the various museums in the area and the historic organizations listed on the County website.

Discussion occurred regarding having a Commission meeting at PrairieFest and having a booth at the Kendall County Fair. Discussion occurred about displaying the structure surveys at an event.

Review of Historic Preservation Award Applicants; Commissions Could Select Award Winner(s)

Commissioners reviewed the criteria for selecting awardees.

It was noted that the plaque for last year's winner cost approximately One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$163) and the Commission has approximately Four Hundred Thirty-Dollars (\$431) remaining in the budget.

Commissioners reviewed the following applications:

- a. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego)
- b. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville)
- c. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville)
- d. Fern Dell School
- e. Misner Blacksmith's Shop
- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

It was noted that the nominations of Bev Casey and Yorkville Historic Preservation Society were for groups or individuals and the other applications were for structures.

Member Bernacki noted that Fern Dell School and Misner Blacksmith's Shop were ongoing projects. The other projects were recent renovations.

Discussion occurred about visiting the various nominees.

The rankings were as follows:

Structures

- a. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville)
- b. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville)-Tie
- c. Fern Dell School-Tie
- d. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego)
- e. Misner Blacksmith's Shop

Individuals and Groups

- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

The consensus of the Commission was to visit the Union School and Fern Dell School.

The consensus of the Commission was to give at least one (1) award for structure and one (1) award for an individual or group.

The final vote would occur at the April meeting.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

Mr. Asselmeier presented the change to the timeline for completing the project as requested from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The new completion deadline is June 30, 2023. No new update was provided from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of grant funding for the 2023 Certified Local Government Grant application cycle.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed the list of cemeteries and several civil war soldiers buried at the Bronk Cemetery.

Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to the Kendall County Historical Society regarding the information owned by the Elmer Dixon Library to see if a cost exists for publicizing their information. The Commission would like the information in advance of Memorial Day to honor veterans.

CORRESPONDENCE

February 19, 2022, Little White School Museum Press Release

Commissioners reviewed the press release.

Member Bernacki left the meeting at this time (6:55 p.m.).

Mr. Asselmeier will email the picture referenced in the press release, which is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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

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