

**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.**  
**April 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, 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 March 21, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Recommendation of a Proclamation Declaring May Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County***

Mr. Asselmeier presented the proposed proclamation. He noted the theme changed from previous years.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to recommend approval of the proclamation. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

The proclamation will go to the County Board on May 3, 2022.

***Discussion of a Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022***

The consensus of the Commission was to have a group meeting in the summer.

Possible locations include the winery on Plattville Road, the Walker's banquet facility on Ashley Road, one (1) of the museums in Newark, the Stone Church in Plano, the historic hotel in Plano, tours of the Historic Jail and Sheriff's Residence, and the Kohlhammer Barn. The consensus of the Commission was to ask Commissioners to bring suggested locations to the May meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

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.

The rankings from the previous meeting 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

Discussion occurred regarding whether or not interiors were considered part of the "finished" project, particularly in relation to the Kohlhammer Barn.

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to grant awards to the Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence and Bev Casey. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Mr. Asselmeier will contact Leo's Trophy and Gifts for a price quote on the plaques. He will also contact award winners to see if they were available to attend the May 17, 2022, County Board meeting.

A letter to the other submittals will also be prepared.

***Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant***

The funding for the project was listed as a capital project and not included in the Commissioner's line item in the Planning, Building and Zoning Department's budget.

Mr. Asselmeier presented an update from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The County should have additional information in the next couple weeks.

***Discussion of Cemeteries***

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.

No Commissioner had visited a cemetery.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

***April 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower***

Commissioners reviewed newsletter.

Discussion occurred about the urban barn bus tour in Oswego.

***April 6, 2022 National Impact Agenda Email***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***Edith Farnsworth House Spring 2022 Newsletter***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Mr. Asselmeier provided a second email from the Farnsworth House requesting donations.

Discussion occurred about plans to raise the Farnsworth House, but no updated information was available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Wehrli suggested having Commission meetings rotate among various historic properties in the County. This topic will be further discussed at the May meeting.

Member Bernacki is reading a history of Will County during the Civil War.

Discussion occurred regarding property that the Plano School District owns south of the Maramech Forest Preserve.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Bernacki 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 6:38 p.m.

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

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April 15 Email



**Help us bring this 20c icon into the 21c with more digital access  
(and more of your Instagram-worthy shots!)**

Last year, with your help, we completed a magnificent restoration of the Lower Terrace at the Edith Farnsworth House. This year, we're asking for your help to strengthen digital access and engagement!

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Even before the unprecedented events of the past few years, the Internet has been to be one of our best tools to share the Edith Farnsworth House worldwide. We need

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