

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.
May 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Eric Bernacki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, and Marty Shanahan
Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)
Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner) and Johanna Byram

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, 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 Heiman, to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Secretary Bernacki noted that Chairman Wehrli was absent due to family health reasons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 \$150.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830)

Mr. Asselmeier presented the invoice. The invoice was for the award for the plaque for the Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's residence only. The cost was less than last year's invoice because the design for the logo was not needed.

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to pay the invoice. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

Commissioners seemed open to the idea of meeting at other locations. Discussion occurred about the Open Meetings Act requirements for the meeting. The Farnsworth House and Kohlhammer Barn were selected as the top two (2) places to meet. The consensus of the Commission was to have the June meeting at the Farnsworth House. If the Farnsworth House was unavailable, the meeting would occur at the Kohlhammer Barn. If both the Farnsworth House and Kohlhammer Barn were unavailable, the meeting would be in the County Boardroom. Commissioners also requested a short presentation from the host discussing the history and happenings at the property. Commissioners also wanted to know from Chairman Wehrli how frequently he would like to have meetings at historic locations.

Discussion of June Meeting Date

Mr. Asselmeier noted the next meeting date is June 21, 2022, which is a Tuesday because of Juneteenth.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Preservation Award for Beverly Case

Mr. Asselmeier reported that several people wanted to surprise Ms. Casey with the award. She was unavailable to attend the May 17th County Board meeting. At this point, Ms. Casey would not be available until July. Mr. Asselmeier will check to see if the County Board was having two (2) meetings in July. Once the date is set, Mr. Asselmeier will contact Leo's Trophy and Gifts to have the plaque made.

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

The Commission reviewed the properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Following the second public comment portion of the meeting (see below), the consensus of the Commission was to have the meeting at either the Fern Dell Museum or the one (1) room school house museum. The Millington Newark Chapel at the cemetery was the second choice. The Stone Church in Plano was the third choice. The meeting date would be August 15th at 6:00 p.m. The historic structure survey would be a topic of discussion.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

Commissioners reviewed the grant. The proposal and the contract with WJE are currently under review at the State's Attorney's Office.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed an email related to the Elmer Dixon Library; the information is copyrighted.

Discussion occurred regarding getting a list of service members buried in Kendall County. The aim would be to have the list by Memorial Day 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 10, 2022 Email from Lisa DiChiera Regarding Historic Preservation Awards

Commissioners reviewed the email.

May 5, 2022 and April 21, 2022 Emails from Lisa Wolancevich Regarding Historic Preservation Awards

Commissioners reviewed the emails.

Discussion occurred about organizations getting awards in the future.

Discussion occurred about using some of the Commission's budget for the volunteers for the survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johanna Byram suggested Fern Dell's one (1) room school house and the Millington Newark Chapel at the cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, 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