

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
9:00 a.m.
October 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary) and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

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

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Ken Itle, and Jeff Nakaerts

No quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No vote on the agenda occurred.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Historic Structure Survey Training

Ken Itle, of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE), explained the deliverables. The deliverables are the narrative report and survey forms. Mr. Itle explained the research methodology using plat maps and atlases. He explained the importance of visiting each site, noting existing buildings, and noting building materials. He provided a sample form for a site visit; the information is for the exterior only. Foundations should be noted; every structure should be documented, if visible, including dog houses and swimming pools.

Discussion occurred regarding pre-visit communication; a postcard could be mailed to property owners.

Discussion occurred regarding steps for visiting a property, including knocking on the door and explaining the process. If a property owner does not want you on the property, leave the property. If the property has no trespassing signs and looks unfriendly, don't go on the property. Brochures will also be handed out onsite.

Twelve (12) to fifteen (15) properties can be visited during one (1) day. A site visit lasts between fifteen (15) and thirty (30) minutes, starting around 9:00 a.m. There would be sixteen (16) total days to survey both townships. Volunteers would be asked to help between three (3) and five (5) days. Discussion occurred regarding how volunteers and WJE staff coordinate visits. The hope is to have the field work completed by Christmas.

Mr. Itle explained which properties were identified for surveying, including churches, cemeteries, and small bridges.

Discussion occurred regarding why Bristol and Kendall Townships were selected and the plans to do the other townships. Discussion occurred regarding WJE's surveys in Will County.

Discussion occurred regarding Boulder Hill and the history of Bristol Township.

Mr. Asselmeier will give Mr. Itle the Commission's previous site pictures.

Attendees reviewed Mr. Itle's planning map.

Discussion occurred regarding how to handle dogs when visiting a property.

The group left at 9:36 a.m. for the Harris Forest Preserve at 10460 Route 71, Yorkville.

Site Visit for Survey Practice

The group started surveying the Harris Forest Preserve at 10460 Route 71, Yorkville, at 9:49 a.m. Member Bernacki did not attend the practice.

Chairman Wehrli explained the history of the Forest Preserve. Mr. Nakaerts explained the history of the fairgrounds property.

Mr. Itle discussed techniques for taking pictures.

Visits will be cancelled if it is raining.

Mr. Itle explained what to note when examining a structure, including roof, siding, and foundation. Windmills are considered buildings.

Only one (1) crew would be out per day doing surveys.

Discussion occurred regarding how the sled hill came into existence.

ADJOURNMENT



Attendees completed the practice at 10:17 a.m.

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

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**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 8, 2022**

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NAME	ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)	EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)
JEFF NAKAERTS		

KENDALL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY

10460 Illinois Route 71	Property Name	George W. Harris Farmstead
PIN No.	05-08-127-001	802
Survey Date	10/8/2022	Surveyor(s) KMI

Township T36N **Range** R7E **Orientation** North

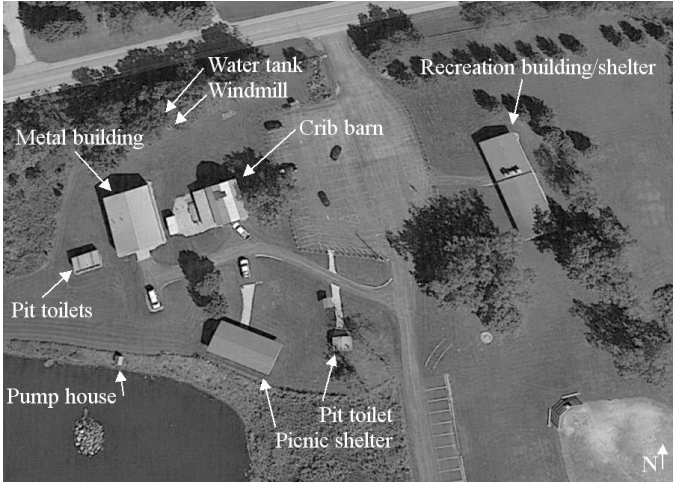
Section 8 **Parcel**

Historic Use Agricultural

Current Use Forest Preserve

Significance

Fieldnotes
 Now owned by Kendall County Forest Preserve District:
 Harris Preserve



Crib barn

Roof Type Gambrel

Date or Approx. Decade of Construction 1920s

Foundation Material(s) Concrete

Wall Material(s) Sheet metal

Roof Material(s) Sheet metal

Significance Contributing

Notes Cupola at ridge; lean-to addition at west side



Metal building

Roof Type Gable

Date or Approx. Decade of Construction 1970s

Foundation Material(s) None

Wall Material(s) Sheet metal

Roof Material(s) Sheet metal

Significance Non-contributing

Notes Morton



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Toilet building

Roof Type	Shed
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1970s
Foundation Material(s)	Concrete
Wall Material(s)	Sheet metal
Roof Material(s)	Sheet metal
Significance	Non-contributing

Notes



Pump house

Roof Type	Gable
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1970s
Foundation Material(s)	Concrete
Wall Material(s)	Concrete masonry
Roof Material(s)	Asphalt shingle
Significance	Non-contributing

Notes At edge of pond



Recreation building/shelter

Roof Type	Gable
Date or Approx. Decade of Construction	1970s
Foundation Material(s)	Concrete
Wall Material(s)	Plywood siding
Roof Material(s)	Asphalt shingle
Significance	Non-contributing

Notes



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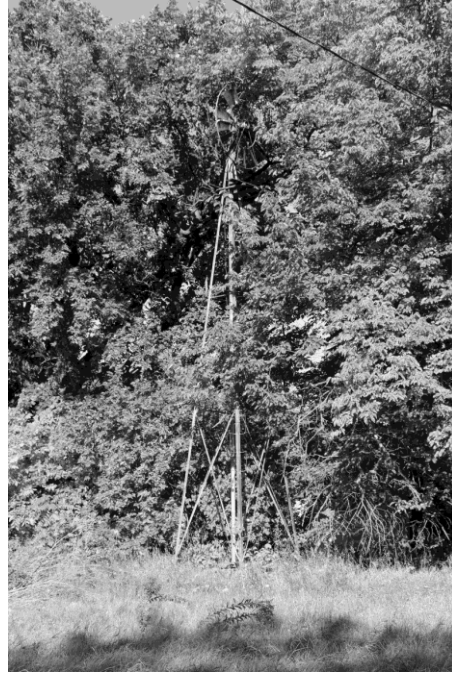
Water tank



Material(s) Concrete

Notes Adjacent to windmill

Windmill



Material(s) Steel frame, concrete foundation

Notes Blades and tail still present; concrete capped well below.

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Additional Structures

(3) Picnic shelters (1990s; early 2000s; 2006)
 Toilet buildings (circa 2005-2006)

History Notes

Historically part of farmstead site 502. One other historic outbuilding was removed after 2002.



Farmstead Owner, per Historic Maps and Directories

1859	William Harris
1870	George W. Harris
1903	George Harris
1917 dir.	Frank G. Harris, wife May Waite; children Ina, Merrill, Ora; owner 135 acres, George Harris estate; resident since 1868
1922	G. W. Harris estate
1932	George W. Harris estate
1941	F. G. Harris
1951	Mrs. Mary W. Harris
1955	Mrs. Mary W. Harris
1958	Merrill Harris
1964	Merrill Harris
1967	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1970	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1975	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1977	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1980	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1982	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1988	Kendall County Forest Preserve
1994	Harris Forest Preserve
1998	Harris Forest Preserve
2002	Harris Forest Preserve
2008	Harris Forest Preserve
2012	Harris Forest Preserve
2014	Harris Forest Preserve
2017	Harris Forest Preserve

