

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.
October 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022, meeting, the September 19, 2022, gathering, and October 8, 2022, gathering. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

Approval of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the appointment of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Commission. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

Follow-Up of August 2022, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations

Approval of Invoice for Food in the Amount of \$41.38; Invoices to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the expenditure.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (5): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Member Heiman apologized for missing the meeting; she plans to visit Fern Dell.

Member Flowers and Chairman Wehrli felt the meeting was good.

Chairman Wehrli felt the meeting was useful for networking purposes.

Member Bernacki discussed the importance of organizations sharing artifacts and information.

Discussion of 2023 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

The consensus of the Commission was to have a group meeting on February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

A topic could be the new historic district in downtown Oswego.

The Church of the Good Shepard in downtown Oswego was suggested as a possible meeting location. The Gaylord House was mentioned as a possible meeting location. The Stone Church in Plano was mentioned as a possible location. The old jail was also mentioned as a possible location; concerns were expressed about having a room at this location that could hold everyone. Mr. Asselmeier was directed to reach out to the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Village of Oswego, and the historic preservation groups for possible meeting locations.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Meeting Calendar

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the calendar with amendments to have the January meeting on January 18th, the February meeting on February 15th, and the June meeting on June 21st. All meetings would be at 6:00 p.m. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

Discussion of CAMP Training

Mr. Asselmeier provided emails and information from Mike Bortel regarding the training. Mr. Asselmeier noted that the proposed FY2022-2023 budget for the Commission was Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The consensus of the Commission was to ask Mike Bortel if the fee could be lowered.

Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards

Commissioners reviewed the award application. The consensus of the Commission was to set the award due date at February 28, 2023, and to set the announcement for the middle of January and middle of February 2023. The Commission made no changes to the award categories.

Discussion occurred regarding nominating the Henneberry Barn, winery on Plattville Road, and Stephenie Todd for awards. Mr. Asselmeier will bring the list from the 2022 nominees to the November 2022 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

Commissioners reviewed the list of registered historic places in the County and the list of bi-centennial plaque locations. The Plano Train Depot, Masonic Temple in Yorkville, Helmar Lutheran, and the church in Lisbon. Mr. Asselmeier will attempt to contact the building owners to having meetings at these locations.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

Mr. Asselmeier said that five people were trained to do the surveys. Ken Itle will contact the volunteers that previously expressed an interest, but did not attend the trainings. A postcard will be mailed to the impacted properties explaining the project. Commissioners reviewed the document created for the Harris Forest Preserve.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Mr. Asselmeier will get the list of servicemen and women buried in Kendall County and the dates of burial from the Kendall County Historical Society, not including cemetery where they were buried. The Commission would have a write-up around Memorial Day; this could occur by a link on the County's website.

CORRESPONDENCE

National Registry Additions From August 12, 2022 To August 18, 2022

Commissioners reviewed the list.

Fern Dell Annual Meeting Email

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Chapel on the Green Open House Email

Commissioners reviewed the email.

September 19, 2022, Farnsworth House Email

Commissioners reviewed the email.

Fall 2022 Farnsworth House Newsletter

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Bernacki discussed digitizing Na-Au-Say Township records from their annual meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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