

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.
September 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Vice-Chair), Kristine Heiman (Secretary), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Director)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2023, meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli discussed his vacation to several national parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards

Commissioners reviewed the application. No changes were proposed to the application criteria, categories, deadlines, or procedures for selecting winners.

The suggestion was made to nominate Roger Matile for an award.

Mr. Asselmeier will update the application to 2024 dates and update the press release which will be released in January and February. An announcement of the application also usually occurred at the group meeting in February.

Conference on Illinois History

Commissioners reviewed information about the conference. Commissioners interested in attending the conference should let Mr. Asselmeier know.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of 2024 Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Pastor for the Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church was agreeable to having the meeting at the church on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Asselmeier needed to confirm if someone from the Church could provide a history of the building and congregation. He also needed to confirm

if the food and drinks could be brought in for the meeting. Mr. Asselmeier is waiting to hear from the State if someone was available to speak on the benefits of landmarking a property. Member Bernacki will confirm if the building was ADA accessible.

Discussion occurred regarding the oldest structure in the Fox Valley and the oldest structure in Kendall County. No definitive answer was given. The suggestion was made to include an ask about the oldest structures on the invitation to the historic preservation groups in February. Mr. Asselmeier will ask Ken Itle about the oldest structure in Kendall and Bristol Townships.

The GIS Department is working with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to ensure that the information that the County has is accurate pertaining to centennial and sesquicentennial farms. Once the information is verified, a layer will be added to the GIS maps online.

Mr. Asselmeier will explore potential back-up speakers.

Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys/Certified Local Government Grant Survey of Kendall and Bristol Townships

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email from the State praising the project.

A resolution to accept the results of the survey is on the September 19, 2023, County Board agenda.

Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys/Certified Local Government Grant Survey of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships

Mr. Asselmeier reported that funding for the surveys of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships was still in the proposed budget. The next application window has not been announced.

Mr. Asselmeier will check to see if the County has received the reimbursement check for the survey of the Kendall and Bristol Townships.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County

Discussion occurred regarding having a meeting at the Pickerill-Pigot house. Concerns were raised regarding a lack of exterior lighting, if the large group meeting was held at the property in February. The consensus of the Commission was to have the October Commission meeting at the Pickerill-Pigot House. Mr. Asselmeier will check the availability for October.

Commissioners were open to having a meeting at the United Plattville Association Hall.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed the list of cemeteries.

Discussion occurred regarding the cemetery on Minkler.

Discussion also occurred regarding the Lincoln Cemetery in terms of its size and local cemetery walks.

Discussion occurred regarding the bicentennial plaque markers. Commissioners reviewed the plaque marker layer on the GIS. Chairman Wehrli and Member Bernacki will look for the boulders referenced for both Native American reservations. Discussion occurred regarding the treaty related to the Native American reservations in

Kendall County. Mr. Asselmeier will email the Commissioners the previous emails with GIS and Ken Itle regarding the missing plaques.

CORRESPONDENCE

September 3, 2023, Edith Farnsworth House Email

Commissioners reviewed the email.

September 5, 2023, Edith Farnsworth House Email

Commissioners reviewed the email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Bernacki 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 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director