

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*Pickerill Estate House*  
*Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve*  
*6350A Minkler Road, Yorkville, Illinois*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**October 16, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Eric Bernacki (Vice-Chair) (Arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Kristine Heiman (Secretary), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman), Elizabeth Flowers, and Marty Shanahan

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Director), Wanda A. Rolf (Administrative Assistant), David Guritz (Forest Preserve Director), and Todd Volker (Economic Development)

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Tour of the Pickerill-Pigot House***

Commissioners toured the house and received information regarding the Pickerills and the property.

Member Bernacki arrived at this time (6:07 p.m.).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, 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 September 18, 2023, meeting. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Discussion occurred regarding having a meeting in Plattville. The Commission will try to meet in Plattville in January 2024. Mr. Asselmeier confirmed the February meeting would still occur at Au Sable Presbyterian Church on February 21, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Asselmeier introduced Todd Volker, the new Kendall County Economic Development Coordinator.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Recommendation on FY2023-2024 Meeting Calendar***

Member Bernacki made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to recommend approval of the meeting calendar. With a voice vote of five (5) ayes, the motion carried.

***Approval of Historic Preservation Award Application and Press Release***

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

### ***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 a person from the Church could provide a history of the building and congregation. Jon Pressley from the State would discuss the importance of landmarking a structure.

Discussion occurred regarding the oldest structure in Kendall County. Mr. Asselmeier provided an email from Ken Itle on the matter.

### ***Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys***

Mr. Asselmeier reported the structure survey of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships was still in the proposed budget.

Discussion occurred regarding uploading the surveys from Kendall and Bristol Township into the GIS.

Discussion also occurred regarding the stone monuments in the Native American reservations.

### ***Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County***

Commissioners discussed having future meetings at the Henneberry Barn, Ashley Road Banquet Center, Plano Hotel, the Gaylord House, Lisbon Congregational Church, Plano Masonic Temple, and Plano Post Office. Mr. Asselmeier will investigate the option of having meetings at these properties.

Commissioners favored having the summer 2024 group meeting at the Pickerill House.

Discussion occurred regarding the oldest business in Kendall County.

### ***Discussion of Cemeteries***

Commissioners reviewed the list of cemeteries.

Chairman Wehrli felt the Commission had done all it could related to cemeteries.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### ***September 28, 2023, Email from Edith Farnsworth House***

Commissioners reviewed the email. The email provided information that the Edith Farnsworth House has launched its first tour in Spanish to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. It was led by Alejandro Saldana Perales, PhD, candidate in Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. Asselmeier provided an email Kendra Parzen regarding the October 14, 2023, meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Guritz discussed using LiDAR to find historic properties and artifacts.

**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 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda A Rolf  
Administrative Assistant

## Matt Asselmeier

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**From:** Kendra Parzen <kparzen@landmarks.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2023 9:25 AM  
**To:** Kendra Parzen  
**Subject:** [External]Suburban Preservation Alliance 10/14/2023

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Dear members of the Suburban Preservation Alliance,

It's come to my attention that invitations to attend the meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance **tomorrow, October 14** may have gone to spam folders. With apologies for the short notice if that happened to your invitation, if you would like to attend the meeting and have not already responded, please RSVP **today** by responding to this email. If you have already responded, please feel free to ignore this message. Details are below. I hope to see you tomorrow.

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Please join us for a meeting of the Suburban Preservation Alliance

Hosted by Landmarks Illinois & the Maywood Historic Preservation Commission

Saturday, October 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

At Maywood Supportive Living, winner of a 2023 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award

316 Randolph Street, Maywood, IL, 60153

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Best,

**Kendra Parzen**  
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