

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
United Plattville Association Hall 6617 Chicago Road
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6:00 p.m.
January 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman),

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman, and Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Wanda A. Rolf, and Debbie Stadel

Due to the absence of a quorum, no meeting occurred.

DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the history of the Plattville Armory. Debbie Stadel stated that The Plattville Armory was established in July 1923 and burned down in 1946. Once the U.S. entered into WW1, many residents looked for ways to support the war effort. Charles Howell was unable to join the US military due to accidentally shooting off his index finger in his youth. Howell and his neighbors formed The Illinois Reserve Militia. The state's home guard. The group was organized as Company K Fifth Infantry. The United States Army provided Company K with a surplus military equipment. Over the years, Howell and his men established the Plattville Armory that can be a community center for the residents. In 1933, Bonnie and Clyde raided the Plattville Armory and stole a number of firearms including the powerful Browning automatic rifles. The weapons were since recovered. The US government sent a letter to the Plattville Armory asking for the weapons to be returned to the government. The weapons were picked up and brought back to Washington D.C. The Plattville Armory burned down in 1946 and was rebuilt as a VFW hall. The hall housed events for the community.

Mr. Asselmeier reported the press release for the nominations for historic preservation awards was sent out on January 12, 2024. It will be discussed at the meeting on February 21, 2024. The application for nominations is on the Kendall County website. The window to accept nominations closes on February 28, 2024.

Jon Pressley from the State of Illinois will be here to discuss preservation awards and the importance of landmarking a structure. The request to ask attendees about the oldest structure and oldest business in Kendall County has been added to the save-the-date.

Commissioners reviewed a list of Native American tribes provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Commissioners reviewed an email from Farnsworth House, a flyer regarding the Naperville Preservation Incorporated's Proactive Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse in Chicagoland event, and an email regarding the Preservation Approaches for Cultural Landscapes webinar hosted by WJE.

Attendees left at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A. Rolf
Administrative Assistant