

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Henneberry Barn
4098 Cherry Road Oswego, Illinois
6:00 p.m.
May 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Tour of and Discussion of the Henneberry Barn

Debra Stevens, Owner of the Henneberry Barn spoke about the history of Henneberry Barn. Built in the late 1830's, Ms. Stevens stated that two (2) Native American women, spouses of two (2) French men, purchased the building. The building was used as a factory.

Chairman Wehrli spoke about the first and only slave sale in Kendall County. A man named Mr. Townsend purchased a slave for Three Dollars (\$3.00) and the next day Mr. Townsend sent him to Canada. There has been some work done to the barn. The future of the barn is currently undecided.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Wanda A. Rolf, and Debra Stevens

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli thanked Ms. Stevens for hosting the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Three Plaques for Historic Preservation Awards and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$438.00; Related Invoice to Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830)

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to pay the invoice.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (4): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Absent (1): Shanahan

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of July 15, 2024, Historic Preservation Group Meeting

Mr. Asselmeier provided a list of invitees with approximately one hundred ten (110) people on the list. It will be held at the Pickerill Piggott House on July 15, 2024. Chairman Wehrli will speak about the history of the Pickerill Piggott House. Mr. Asselmeier suggested to have Jacquie Purcell, County Coroner, speak at the meeting about what happens if you find a cemetery on your property. Chairman Wehrli stated that there are cemeteries in Kendall County that have Civil War Veteran's buried. There are many family farms with small cemeteries on them. Recently, human remains were found during excavation for new utility pipes in Yorkville. It was noted that they came from the abandoned Bristol Burying Ground, where tombstones were moved to the Elmwood Cemetery around 1876. The Kendall County Historical Society is researching who might have been buried in the cemetery. Sixteen (16) burials were known.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

Mr. Asselmeier received an email from Anna Margaret Barris from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that they are proposing to replace the roof and gutters at this time on the former tenant house. Ms. Barris is requesting more information about the property from Kendall County to determine if a National Register nomination/registration could be pursued.

Chairman Wehrli asked if it was possible to walk through the tenant house to evaluate it. Mr. Asselmeier stated that he does not know but will find out if there can be a walk through. Member Bernacki asked if the State of Illinois might turn the property over to Kendall County. Mr. Asselmeier stated that the State owns the property and it is part of Silver Springs State Park. The State would be open to using it as a possible venue or rental.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times

Commissioners discussed having meetings at other historic locations. Some of the historic locations would like to be compensated for the use of their facility. Chairman Wehrli suggested asking the members of The Historic Preservation Organization at the July 15, 2024, meeting for information on where there could be future meeting places.

Discussion of Historic Structure Surveys

Mr. Asselmeier reported that grant reimbursement had been received. No update on the 2024 grant application.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Commissioners spoke about having Native American Tribes give a presentation at one of the Historic Preservation meetings. The main tribes in the area were the Fox, Potawatamie and Sauk. This was tabled for the next meeting.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed emails from Seward Township regarding the Seward Mound Cemetery; Seward Township was in the process of acquiring an attorney. Little Rock Township was working on acquiring the Griswold Springs Cemetery; it has one (1) or two (2) Civil War veterans.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kendall County Historical Society Spring Newsletter

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

April 2024 Edition of the Bell Tower

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

April 8, 2024, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email.

April 18, 2024, National Park Service Email

Commissioners reviewed the email.

April 21, 2024, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email. During its 20th anniversary of being open to the public the Farnsworth House is beginning a multi-year rehabilitation of the naturalistic designated landscape surrounding the house.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Commissioners toured the Henneberry Barn.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A Rolf, Office Assistant

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**Tenant House Roof Replacement, Silver Springs State Park
13860 Fox Rd., Silver Springs State Park,**

**IDNR CERP 2413323
SHPO Log #020041724**

May 20, 2024

**Dawn Cobb
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271**

Thank you for your submission proposing roof replacement for the former Superintendent's House/ Tenant farmhouse at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, which we received on 4/17/24 (SHPO Log# 020041724). Because this property is owned by the State of Illinois, our comments are required by the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4180) (Act).

On 1/24/24 this office determined that the former superintendent's house (CDB A7860; IDNR 49725) at 13860 Fox Road, also known as the Tenant Farmhouse, is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C, for Architecture, with a local level of significance dating to the original construction (pre-1871). This determination was made under (SHPO Log# 016010924).

The existing roof may be replaced as proposed, however, at this time, the soffits may not be enclosed. SHPO staff suggest that the project include increasing the size of the current gutters and downspouts as well as adding additional downspouts to the gutter as needed. The downspouts must be attached to leads that extend (and lead water) at least 3 feet from the building's foundation.

If the project's scope of work changes from that which has been submitted to and approved by this office, you must email those changes to Anna Margaret Barris (AnnaMargaret.Barris@Illinois.gov) for review and comment. Failure to submit project changes for review and comment may result in an adverse effect determination pursuant to the Act.

Sincerely,


**Carey L. Mayer, AIA
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer**

Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:50 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Celebrate Our 20th Anniversary

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EDITH FARNSWORTH HOUSE

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Alongside the dawn of Facebook in 2004 and an array of noteworthy moments throughout that year, the Edith Farnsworth House officially opened its doors for public tours May 15th of that year. Welcoming thousands of visitors, weathering storms, persevering through preservation projects, and surviving a global pandemic, the iconic house remains an international destination, source of inspiration, place of contemplation, and location of historic, artistic, significance.

Together, let's celebrate the past twenty years and the exciting, unscripted future that lies ahead.

Join Us for a Milestone Event

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 11 4:30PM-7:00PM



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Experience a Once-in-a-Lifetime Evening

Together, let's spend an evening marking this historic event enjoying an open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, music, gifted spoken word poets, and impactful guest speakers. Discover where Farnsworth is headed in the future through an inspiring panel discussion and recognize and congratulate the inaugural Edith Farnsworth House Stewardship Award recipient.

SPOKEN WORD POETS



Kevin Holiday, Jr

Kevin Holiday, Jr and Lloyd Rice, Jr are aspiring designers and spoken word performers from Project Osmosis, a Chicago-based nonprofit that creates programs and initiatives to identify, develop, and support young people from minority communities throughout the Chicago Metro Area.



Lloyd Rice, Jr

IMPACTFUL SPEAKERS



Avery R. Young is Chicago's inaugural Poet Laureate, appointed in 2023. An interdisciplinary artist and arts educator, as well as a writer, performer, composer, producer, visual artist, and activist, Avery is the author of *neckbone: visual verses*, and a co-director of The Floating Museum. He works with numerous educational nonprofits and cultural institutions.



Kimberly Dowdell is the 100th President and first African American woman to lead the American Institute of Architects. During her 1-year term, Kimberly is actively traveling the country to promote architecture as a key to solving environmental and natural resource challenges, as well as pressing societal issues and achieving greater social equity in design.



Omar Eaton-Martinez is the Senior Vice-President of Historic Sites at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, where he leads the preservation, interpretation, and overall stewardship of the National Trust's 28 historic sites, located across the country, to tell the full American story. He is a national leader in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion at museums.

INSPIRING PANELISTS



Joseph Antunovich is CEO and Founder of Antunovich Associates, a 100-person Architecture, Planning and Interior Design Firm with offices in Chicago, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Austin, and Buffalo. Joe specializes in the design of preservation and adaptive reuse projects that celebrate the rich urban context and history of cities across America.



Elizabeth Blasius is an architectural historian, writer, and co-founder of Preservation Futures, a Chicago-based firm exploring the future of historic preservation through research, action, and design. Her writing and criticism appear monthly in *MAS Context*, a non-profit architecture and design platform.



Maurice Parrish is a retired architect, capital projects manager, and non-profit executive based in Detroit. The former Executive Director of Edith Farnsworth House (2013-2017), Maurice has also worked at the U.S. Capitol, The Detroit Institute of Arts, the City of Chicago Department of Buildings, and as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan.



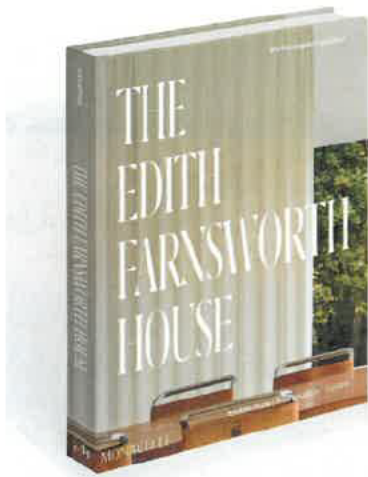
Lisa Yun Lee is Executive Director of the National Public Housing Museum, the nation's first cultural institution committed to preserving and interpreting the history of public housing as a human right. She is also a member of the art history, museum and exhibition studies, and gender and women's studies faculty at the University of Illinois Chicago.

INAUGURAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT



Dirk Lohan is an architect and principal partner at Lohan Architecture. He studied architecture with his grandfather, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and worked with him on projects like the New National Gallery in Berlin and the Chicago IBM office building. Dirk has been involved with the preservation of the Edith Farnsworth House since the 1960s.

Secure the First Comprehensive History of the Edith Farnsworth House



Michelangelo Sabatino, author, and panel moderator, is a Chicago-based educator, curator, and architectural historian. Sabatino is professor

and director of the PhD Program at the IIT College of Architecture where he serves as the inaugural John Vinci Distinguished Research Fellow. He has authored numerous books on architecture including a new book about Edith Farnsworth House.

Books may be purchased through the [Shop at Edith Farnsworth House](#) now and at the event..

Meet Edith Farnsworth House Executive Director



Scott Mehaffey is Executive Director of the Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site, a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A preservation landscape architect, he was formerly Landscape Coordinator for the City of Chicago, Landscape Architect for The Morton Arboretum, and Adjunct Professor in the IIT College of Architecture.



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