

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
*111 West Fox Street Rooms 209 and 210 Yorkville, IL 60560*  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**June 17, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 and Wanda A. Rolf

**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 May 20, 2024 meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Wehrli wanted to make sure the Commission was ready for the July 15, 2024 Historic Preservation Group Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion of July 15, 2024, Historic Preservation Group Meeting*

*Review of Agenda for Meeting*

Mr. Asselmeier went over the agenda with the committee for the July 15, 2024 meeting.

*Review of Invitee Meeting List*

Mr. Asselmeier went over the list of invitees to the meeting and provided a copy of the invitation letter. Mr. Asselmeier stated that approximately seven (7) people have RSVP'd for the meeting.

*Other Meeting Logistics*

Commissioners reviewed the Commission's budget. Mr. Asselmeier went over the list of refreshments that will be served at the meeting. Member Bernacki will pick up the refreshments. Chairman Wehrli stated that for those who can park in the main parking lot should do so because there were limited parking spaces near the house for people who may need assistance.

Chairman Wehrli asked Mr. Asselmeier if there will be people from other counties coming to the meeting. Mr. Asselmeier responded that there were invitations sent to people from several other counties in the region.

Mr. Asselmeier stated that Chairman Wehrli was asked to speak at the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) meeting about the Pickerill-Pigot Forest Preserve, but the Chairman was unable to attend because he will be out of town.

#### ***Discussion of 13860 Fox Road***

Mr. Asselmeier stated that he received an email from Anna Margaret Barris from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Asselmeier said he emailed her again but he has not heard from Ms. Barris. Chairman Wehrli stated he would like to walk through the house. Mr. Asselmeier stated he would reach out to Ms. Barris again to see if there were any updates. Member Bernacki asked if the Forest Preserve would like to have a joint meeting. Chairman Wehrli said that it's great that the State of Illinois wanted to save the house, but he expressed concerns about the Forest Preserve maintaining the property due to lack of funds. It would be great to be able to work in conjunction with the historic group.

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

Mr. Asselmeier spoke to Matt Kellogg about a historic barn that that might be of historic value. The 1854 Homestead in Plano, according to Mayor Rennels, would probably have a place to meet. Mr. Asselmeier stated he will ask the Historical Preservation Group at the July 15, 2024 meeting if anyone knows of any historical places the committee can meet. Chairman Wehrli suggested a former bed and breakfast on Millhurst Road and Member Heiman suggested the Bereman House in Montgomery as possible future meeting sites.

Member Bernacki asked if Boulder Hill could become a historic district and would that designation increase home values. Chairman Wehrli stated that residents would have to abide by special rules that apply to living in a historical district. Mr. Asselmeier stated that if residents wanted to have outside maintenance done, such as siding or new windows, they would need a certificate of appropriateness from the Commission.

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

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the 2024 grant window would open in September close likely in December. An email from Ken Itle was provided saying that the price quote for the survey of unincorporated Seward and Na-Au-Say Townships would remain unchanged.

#### ***Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County***

Commissioners discussed Native American Tribes and this topic will be discussed at the July 15, 2024, meeting.

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

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the matter of Seward Mound and Griswold Springs cemeteries were in the hands of attorneys.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### ***May 22, 2024, Email from Susan Kritzberg***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

#### ***May 23, 2024, Email from Edith Farnsworth House***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

#### ***May 30, 2024, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates***

Commissioners reviewed the email.

***June 4, 2024, Email from Edith Farnsworth House***

Commissioners reviewed the email celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of opening The Edith Farnsworth House to the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting July 15, 2024, at the Pickerill-Pigot Estate House in Pickerill-Pigot Forest Preserve.

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 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda A Rolf, Office Assistant

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