

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Lyon Farm
7935 Route 71, Yorkville, Illinois
6:30 p.m.
August 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Lisa Wolancevich, Jack Jenkins, Janet Blue, Chris Phillips, Alan Langguth, Ted Clauser, Tina Beard, Kelvin Johnson, Shelley Augustine, Ed Hatteberg, Johanna Byram, Bev Popp, Dick Popp, Dan Koukol, Sandy Vahl, Shannon Bronn, Bev Casey, Jane Lauterbeck, and Mark Harrington

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the agenda as presented. 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 July 19, 2021, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. Member Shanahan abstained.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli thanked Lyon Farm for hosting.

Chairman Wehrli welcomed Marty Shanahan.

Chairman Wehrli discussed finding gravestones at the Minkler House. He discussed the owners' research of the family and property and preservation efforts of that information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Flowers as Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (5): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Approval of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the appointment of Eric Bernacki as Secretary of the Commission.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (5): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli
Nays (0): None
Absent (0): None
Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

Discussion of Remodeling Permit for the Stone Barn in Henneberry Wood Subdivision Located at 4098 Cherry Road (PIN: 06-05-402-025) in Na-Au-Say Township

Chairman Wehrli discussed the history of the structure and the owners' plans for the property. The application was lacking information on the types of windows and siding. The property was not registered as an historic structure. The owners were trying to maintain the historic feel of the property. Discussion occurred regarding the history of the barn.

The consensus of the Commission was to recommend approval of the Phase I portion of the project and that the Planning, Building and Zoning Department advise the owner to reach out to Lyon Farm, Roger Matile, and Landmarks Illinois regarding best practices for preservation.

Approval to Change the Time of Regular Meetings of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission from 6:30 p.m. on the Third Monday of the Month to 6:00 p.m. on the Third Monday of the Month

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to approve the meeting time change.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (5): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli
Nays (0): None
Absent (0): None
Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

The request will be forwarded to the County Board.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project; Commission Could Approve a Project Scope

Commissioners discussed the project scope as presented by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. The quote was Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$42,500) to survey both townships, Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to survey Kendall Township only, and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to survey Bristol Township only. The surveys would be for the unincorporated areas only. The survey of Kendall Township would not include Helmar. The project would be contingent on securing a Certified Local Government grant.

Mr. Asselmeier provided the background on how the Commission selected Kendall and Bristol Townships.

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, recommend approval of the proposal with surveying Kendall and Bristol Townships as the first choice, surveying Kendall Township as the second choice, and surveying Bristol Township as the third choice.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas (5): Bernacki, Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Absent (0): None

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried.

The request will be forwarded to the County Board as part of the budget preparation project.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Chairman Wehrli provided an update on the Commission's work. Discussion occurred about obtaining headstones for eligible veterans.

Updates from Historic Preservation Groups

Lisa Wolancevich, Kendall County Historical Society, said they were celebrating their fiftieth (50th) anniversary. Their Fall Festival is September 26th. They released their new newsletter. She discussed restorations at the property. They are working on a story with Kendall County, Texas. She discussed upcoming summer camps and fundraising efforts.

Marilyn Thompson, Ferndell, discussed their four (4) historic sites. She discussed their school and annex tours with adults and children. She discussed their fundraising activities. The museum is open again on Sunday afternoons only. They were working on developing a website.

Janet Blue, Millington Historic Preservation, discussed their fundraising activities and the museum's property. She encouraged everyone to work together. She also discussed the blacksmith's shop that had been for sale; it was purchased by someone from Oswego. They will be open the third Saturdays of the month in the afternoons.

A representative from Lyon Farm discussed the railroad between Morris and Yorkville. Discussion occurred regarding Henry H. Evans, other local railroads, and grain elevators.

Ed Hatteberg, Norsk Museum, was in attendance to see what Kendall County was doing. He discussed the cemetery behind the Norsk Museum.

Sandy Vahl, Sheridan, was also in attendance to see what Kendall County was doing. She was doing research on local railroads. She will send the Commission information about their upcoming activities.

Ted Clauser, Oswego Heritage Association (Little White School), was in attendance to network. He discussed their partnership with the Oswegoland Park District. He said there will be a sixty-fifth (65th) birthday party for Boulder Hill on September 11th in the afternoon. He discussed the use of social media and Zoom to engage people. They make accommodations for people that want to visit the Little White School. He emphasized the importance of the younger generation to preserve history. He said the annual cemetery walk in Oswego Township Cemetery will be October 7th.

Shelley Augustine, Yorkville Public Library, discussed their research library.

Discussion occurred regarding the scanning project.

Discussion occurred about the Plano Historical Society's search for a building; former Mayor Bob Hausler was the point of contact.

Bev Popp, Chapel on the Green, discussed their efforts to preserve old newspapers. She discussed the impact of COVID on operations at the Chapel. She discussed the revamping of the wedding museum. She discussed an Eagle Scout presentation at the property. She discussed the bench and tribute to Howard Maryanne Manthei. She discussed their annual Veterans' Day program.

General discussion of digitizing and preserving newspapers occurred, including get a machine for everyone to share.

Jack Jenkins, Kendall County Historical Society, provided a history Lyon Farm and items included in their collection. They were looking for uniforms from individuals that served in either Gulf War or the Coast Guard.

Tina Beard, Plainfield Public Library, discussed newspapers.com. The Plainfield Historical Society is open on Saturdays.

Alan Langgath, Oswego Historical Commission, discussed the Commission's activities; they were recently reconstituted and were examining projects.

Discussion occurred regarding the location of the stock yard in Yorkville.

Chairman Wehrli encouraged activities that engage youth in historic preservation.

Discussion of Upcoming Meetings with Historic Preservation Groups

Chairman Wehrli indicated that another group meeting would occur in February 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Senior Planner

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| Chris Phillips | Sandwich IL | |
| Alan Langguth | Oswego Historical Commission Oswego IL | |
| Ted Clauser | OHA Oswego, IL | |
| Tina Beaird | OSwego, IL | |
| Kolon Johnson | Bristol | |
| Shelley Augustine | Yorkville Public Lib. | |
| E. Hattberg | NORSK MUSEUM | |

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| Johanna Byram KCHS | 605 State Street Yorkville | |
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| Dan Koukol | Oswego | |
| Eric Bernacki | Plainfield | |
| Sandy Vahl | Sheridan | |
| Shannon Brown | Minooka | |
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