

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Oswego Brewing Company
61 Main Street, Oswego, Illinois
6:00 p.m.
February 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairwoman Elizabeth Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner), Valeria Tarka, Ed Hatteberg, Shaunna Barrow, Amanda Olson, Sarah Skilton, Juan Terrazas, Kevin Zentner, Chris Phillips, Jane Burke, Tina Beard, Brooke Shanley, Lisa Wolancevich, Johanna Byram, and Subash George

WELCOMING REMARKS

Vice-Chairwoman Flowers welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. She thanked the Oswego Brewing Company for hosting. Commissioners introduced themselves. County Board Member Brook Shanley was introduced.

PRESENTATION BY OSWEGO BREWING COMPANY

There was no representation from Oswego Brewing Company in attendance.

PRESENTATION ON OSWEGO DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Valeria Tarka, Planner for the Village of Oswego, presented information on the Oswego Downtown Historic District. She provided a history of the process for the establishment of the District and the boundaries of the District. She highlighted 64 Main Street, 69-71 Main Street, 100 Main Street, and 57-61 Main Street. She noted the federal and state tax credits available to property owners. She said the Village is working on obtaining estimates for bronze placards within the District.

The Village has only received a couple inquiries about the new District from property owners. Most of the businesses do not own their properties. Inquiries are referred to the State.

Timing of the pandemic and the inability to participate in activities in person impacted the restarting of the District application.

DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Mr. Asselmeier explained the historic preservation awards. The application deadline is February 28th. He also explained the process of selecting awards. Awards may be granted to buildings, groups, and individuals.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Matt Asselmeier read an email from Ken Itle updating attendees on the status of the structure survey in unincorporated Kendall and Bristol Townships.

Jane Burke, Naperville Historical Society, she explained the purpose of the Naperville Historical Society. She discussed the loss of the YMCA Building and she explained new rules in Naperville to landmark properties. She discussed working with property owners to landmark structures. She discussed efforts to get Oak Cottage

included on the list of the Most Endangered Structures in Landmarks Illinois' list. She also discussed a survey of Naperville's first commercial subdivision. She discussed projection mapping.

Chris Phillips, Sandwich Historic Commission, explained the history of the Historic Commission. He discussed placing markers within the City.

Sarah Skilton, Oswego Public Library District, was looking for opportunities to collaborate.

Subash George, Oswego Preservation Commission, expressed his excitement for obtaining the District, new Commissioners, and new Commission activities.

Kevin Zentner, Oswego Preservation Commission, had no comment.

Tina Beaird, Oswego Heritage Association and Plainfield Library District, discussed the materials and knowledge at their disposal.

Johanna Byram, Yorkville Historic Preservation and Kendall County Historic Society, discussed the renovations to the original Yorkville firehouse at Lyon Farm. She discussed school groups visiting Lyon Farm.

Lisa Wolancevich, Yorkville Historic Preservation and Kendall County Historical Society, discussed the history of Lyon Farm. She discussed the restoration ticket booth from the agricultural fairgrounds on Game Farm Road at Lyon Farm. She discussed the printing presses at Lyon Farm. She discussed breakfast with the Easter Bunny and a jam and jelly event. Lyon Farm is funded through volunteers and private donations; discussion occurred regarding a payment from the Illinois Department of Transportation related to the widening of Route 71.

Shaunna Barrow and Amanda Olson are hoping to join the Oswego Preservation Commission.

Juan Terrazas, Oswego Preservation Commission, had no comment.

Ed Hatteberg, Norsk Museum, discussed a grant that the organization received in 2022. He discussed a collaboration with other museums in the Ottawa-Marseilles area where people bought one (1) pass and received access to several museums. The event was successful.

Brooke Shanley, Kendall County Board, was in attendance to learn about organizations.

Eric Bernacki, Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, discussed the historic preservation awards. He asked attendees for suggestions for future group meeting locations. Ms. Wolancevich provided a listing of burial locations for veterans; she thanked Elmer Dixon for his work. Discussion occurred about the Oswego cemetery tours and other possible programs that highlights veterans. Discussion occurred regarding the Kendall County Circuit Clerk's press release relating to World War I medals. Mr. Asselmeier will resend the Circuit Clerk's press release.

The question was asked if the County could add events for non-profits to the County's website. Mr. Asselmeier will research the matter.

Mr. Bernacki discussed the historic structure survey. Discussion occurred regarding the materials used for foundations for some of the homes in Kendall Township. He discussed asking property owners for donations to historical groups.

Ms. Wolancevich would like to have more information on how the cemetery near the former Sears farm in Little Rock Township became despoiled; this was the Shonts Cemetery. She will provide additional information to Mr. Asselmeier in order for more research to occur.

Discussion occurred ways to commemorate the semiquincentennial of the founding of the United States in 2026, including naming roads after the Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Kendall County. Mr. Asselmeier will send the list markers from the bicentennial to the group.

Discussion also occurred regarding the bicentennial of the Norwegian immigration in 2025.

Discussion occurred about doing CAMP training for historic commissioners, including Plainfield's application for a certified local government grant to fund the training.

Discussion occurred regarding Landmarks Illinois Suburban Alliance meetings; their next meeting is in April. The contact is Kendra Parzan.

Discussion occurred regarding raffles and bake sales.

Discussion occurred genealogical research and the creation of the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Asselmeier said the Commission would attempt to hold another group in the summer of 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

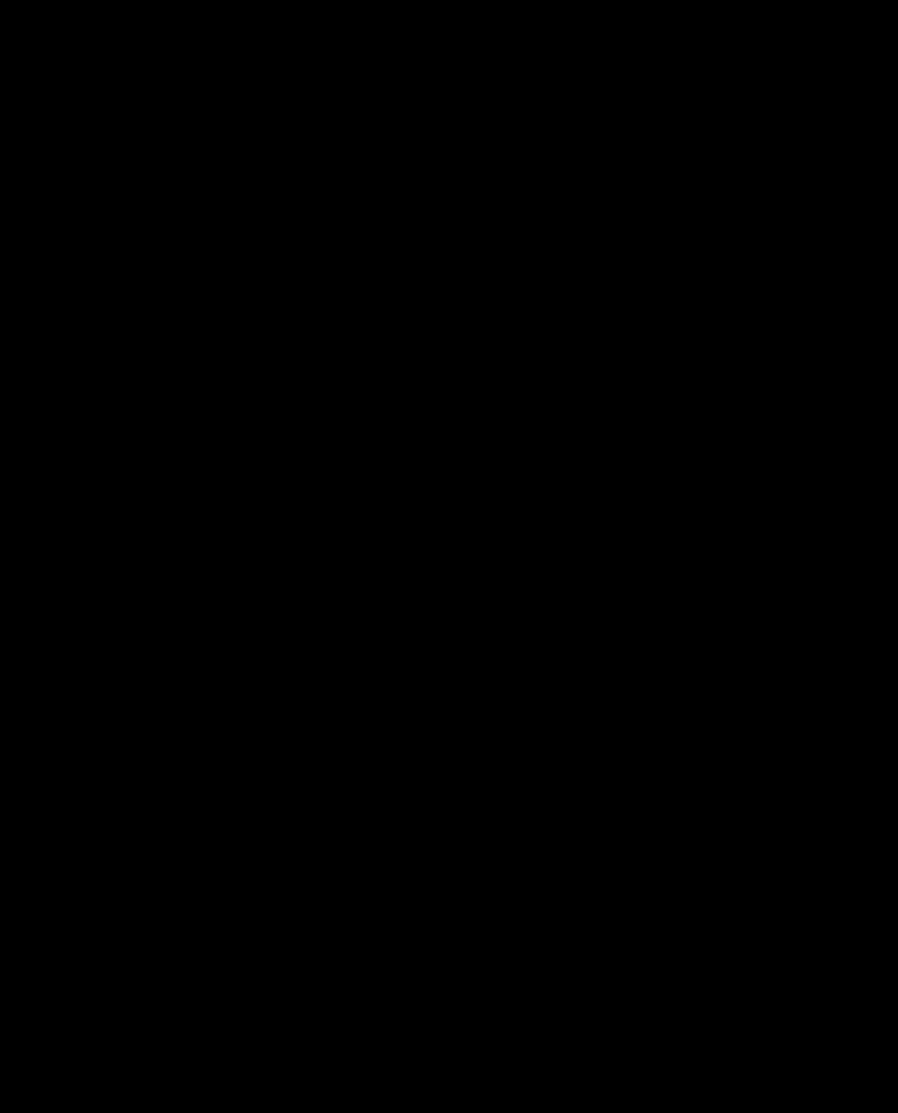
Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Senior Planner

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From: [Itle, Ken](#)
To: [Matt Asselmeier](#)
Subject: [External]RE: February 15th Kendall County HPC Meeting
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:25:30 PM

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Hello Matt,
Sorry, I won't be available to attend.

We are past the halfway point of Kendall Township field work, with close to 100 of 154 properties surveyed thus far. I expect that Kendall field work will be done by end of February, and Bristol Twp will be in March. Meanwhile, I have begun organizing and compiling research materials to start a rough draft of the context history for the county and each township. Overall, we seem to be right on schedule.

-Ken

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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyiil.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:16 AM

To: Itle, Ken <kitle@wje.com>

Subject: February 15th Kendall County HPC Meeting

Ken:

Will you be in attendance at tomorrow night's Kendall County HPC meeting?

If not, could you send me an update on the status of the survey project?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM

Senior Planner

Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning