

**KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Court House
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
5:30 p.m.
April 21, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki, Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Secretary), Marty Shanahan (Arrived at 5:40 p.m.), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: None

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier and Wanda A. Rolf

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 Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025 meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Local Government Grant Items

Approval of a Recommendation Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Execute a Certified Local Government Grant Agreement Between Kendall County and the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources to Conduct an Historic Structure Survey in Unincorporated Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships; Grant Award is \$28,000, Kendall County's Match is \$12,000, for a Total Project Cost of \$40,000

Mr. Asselmeier stated that this contract is the same as the contract was with the State to complete the structure surveys of Bristol and Kendall Townships with the exception of the dollar amount and the timeframe. If the County Board approves this grant, the grant will commence on June 1, 2025, and the work must be completed by June 1, 2027.

Chairman Wehrli asked if there is an estimated time when the surveys would be completed. Mr. Asselmeier stated that if the County Board approves the project in May, and the contracts are completed, the work could start on June 2, 2025 and continue through next year.

Member Shanahan arrived at this time (5:40 p.m.).

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to recommend approval of the grant.

The votes were as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Approval of a Recommendation Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Execute a Contract with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to Complete Work Related to the Historic Structure Survey in Unincorporated Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000; Related Invoices to Be Paid from Line Item 172019-63630

Chairman Wehrli asked if he could have a schedule of the work that Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc would be performing. Mr. Asselmeier said he would provide a schedule.

Member Shanahan made a motion, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend approval of the contract referencing the proposal from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates from July 11, 2023, included in the agreement.

The votes were as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mr. Asselmeier will email the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee to see if they have any objections to the project. If they have no objections, the grant agreement and contract will go to the County Board in May 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of a Proclamation Declaring May Historic Preservation Month

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the theme was changed to Harnessing the Power of Place.

The proclamation goes to the County Board on May 6, 2025.

Review of Historic Preservation Award Applications; Commission Could Select Winner(s)

223 S. Bridge Street, Yorkville

The property owner, Jason Pesola, was nominated for his improvements to the downtown Yorkville area. Fresh paint was added to brighten the area. Mr. Pesola added an historic downtown mural, cleaned up the landscaping, painted and striped both parking lots, and added gooseneck lighting to the front of the buildings.

Johanna Byram

Johanna Byram was nominated for her passion for preserving local history and heritage. She submitted the application that placed the historic courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places and raised Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for its restoration.

Thomas Milschewski

Thomas Milschewski was nominated for his work creating a Facebook page “Yorkville Then and Now”. Mr. Milschewski provided photos of historic Yorkville as well as current Yorkville. He has been active in the history of Yorkville for over a decade.

Mr. Asselmeier stated that there was one (1) property nominated for an historic preservation award and two (2) individuals nominated for historic preservation awards. He said there was only enough funding to grant two (2) awards, based on the cost to prepare plaques.

Chairman Wehrli stated that there are three (3) excellent nominees. He feels they all deserve to receive awards.

Commissioners were comfortable going over budget to fund the plaques for the award winners.

Mr. Asselmeier stated he would let the plaque company know there will be three (3) winners and he will contact the award winners to see if they can receive their awards at the County Board meeting on May 20, 2025.

Discussion of Summer Meeting with Historic Preservation Groups

Mr. Asselmeier stated that previous meetings were held at an historic place in the township that was having the structure surveys.

Member Bernacki suggested having the meeting at the Ellis House, which is ADA accessible. Mr. Asselmeier would like to have someone from the Ellis House speak about the property at the summer meeting and check the availability of the Ellis House. Mr. Asselmeier will check Ken Itle’s availability to speak at the meeting on the structure surveys.

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

Commissioners reviewed the list of properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Ashley Farm and the Gaylord house were suggested as possible meeting locations. Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to both of them. Chairman Wehrli will reach out to the Dickson-Murst Farm.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Mr. Asselmeier spoke about Edith Farnsworth House having a Pow Wow this summer. He will reach out to the Edith Farnsworth House to ask if there was more information regarding this event.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

Mr. Asselmeier said that he has not received an update on the property.

Discussion of Amendments to the Kendall County Code Pertaining to Commission Review of Certain Building Permit Applications; Commission Could Recommend Amendments to the Kendall County Code and/or Approve a New Policy for Review of Certain Building Permit Applications

Mr. Asselmeier reported that the Planning Building and Zoning Committee was not in favor of voting for the amendments at this time. Chairman Wehrli will contact Seth Wormley to discuss the policy.

Discussion of Landmarking Cemeteries and Funding Sources for Cemeteries

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having some of the cemeteries maintained. Member Bernacki stated that many townships perform their own maintenance on cemeteries. Mr. Asselmeier stated that he would like to wait until the six (6) new supervisors from the townships are sworn in before he reached out to the townships. Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to Ken Itle regarding having him speak at the summer meeting regarding landmarking cemeteries and the benefits of landmarking cemeteries.

CORRESPONDENCE

March 18, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding After the Fire: Damage Assessment for Repair of Mass Timber Building Elements

Commissioners reviewed the email.

April 2025 Edition of the Bell Tower

Commissioners reviewed the newsletter.

April 10, 2025, Email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Regarding Beyond the Routine (Inspection)

Commissioners reviewed the email.

April 11, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Support Edith Farnsworth House

Commissioners reviewed the email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Asselmeier presented an email from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. dated April 21, 2025, regarding a training on floor vibrations in buildings scheduled for May 7, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Bernacki 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 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A. Rolf
Part-Time Office Assistant

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Matt Asselmeier

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Floor Vibrations in Buildings: From Modern Designs to Adaptive Reuse



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Floor vibration concerns in buildings can range from occupant annoyance to disruptions in the operation of sensitive equipment. These issues are becoming more common, especially when office layouts are converted to higher-density configurations, in adaptive reuse projects converting buildings into medical facilities, and in modern designs that incorporate longer spans. Determining whether a structure meets appropriate vibration performance criteria, who is responsible for resolving issues when they arise, and how to implement effective mitigation strategies can be complex.

In this complimentary one-hour webinar, engineers **Mohamed ElBatanouny**, **Christine Freisinger**, and **Richard Lindenberg** will provide a practical overview of floor vibration issues in buildings, focusing on how to evaluate and improve performance to meet a variety of occupancy and equipment needs.

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Describe relevant industry guidance and standards for floor vibrations
- Explain potential impact concerns of vibrations on humans and building contents, such as sensitive equipment
- Identify investigation techniques used to evaluate vibration issues both in the field and using analytical methods

- Explore different mitigation methods used to address problematic floors depending on the magnitude of the problem

There will be plenty of time for your questions during the presentation. Attendees are eligible for one American Institute of Architects (AIA) HSW Learning Unit.

DETAILS

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Eastern Time

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