

**KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Court House
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560
6:00 p.m.
May 19, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Secretary) (Arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Marty Shanahan (Vice-Chair), and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Eric Bernacki,

Also Present: Wanda A. Rolf, Part-Time Office Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried.

Member Heiman arrived at this time (6:02 p.m.).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2025, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Purchase of Three Plaques for Historic Preservation Awards and Related Invoice from Leo's Trophies, Gifts and Engraving in an Amount Not to Exceed \$471.00; Related Invoice To Be Paid from Historic Preservation Commission Line Item (11001902-63830)

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the expenditure.

The votes were as follows:

Ayes (4): Flowers, Heiman, Shanahan, and Wehrli

Nays (0): None

Abstain (0): None

Absent (1): Bernacki

The motion carried.

***Discussion of July 21, 2025, Historic Preservation Group Meeting
Review of Speakers and Agenda for Meeting
Review of Invitee Meeting List***

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Other Meeting Logistics

It is not yet known who the speaker will be on the history of the Ellis House.

Commissioners reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Ken Itle will speak about the Historic Structure survey of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships. Mr. Itle will speak on Landmarking Historic Cemeteries.

Commissioners reviewed the list of invitees. The Township Supervisors were added to the list.

Member Heiman asked if the invitees of the Gaylord House were the new owners or previous owners. Chairman Wehrli will find out the answer to the question. Member Heiman stated that the sale of The Gaylord House closed in April 2025.

Commissioners reviewed the save-the-date card.

Commissioners discussed the historic structure surveys of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Certified Local Government Grant and Historic Structure Survey

Commissioners discussed the schedule on the on the Historic Structure Survey of Na-Au-Say and Seward Townships.

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

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having a regular meeting at LaSalle Manor Retreat Center this fall and a summer meeting in 2026. Chairman Wehrli will reach out to Mr. Asselmeier about contacting LaSalle Manor Retreat for meetings.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

Commissioners reviewed an email from the Edith Farnsworth House regarding their earlier planned Pow Wow event and contacts with Native Americans.

In an email to Mr. Asselmeier dated, April 22, 2025, the Farnsworth House is open to having an event about Native American Tribes alongside with Kendall County Historic Preservation, possibly in October or another time.

Member Heiman asked if Aurora University had any Native American Gatherings. They had them in the past. Chairman Wehrli will check with Mr. Asselmeier.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

Commissioners reviewed an email from the State regarding the roof replacement at the subject property. Anna Margaret Barris stated that a new roof is being installed and should be completed by the summer.

Chairman Wehrli stated that once the roof is completed the commissioners can view 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

Chairman Wehrli spoke with Seth Wormley to discuss the policy. Mr. Wormley stated the County Board did not want to take demolition permits and give them to the Historic Preservation Commission to decide if they are historically significant. Chairman Wehrli also stated that there are two (2) townships that are having historic structure surveys this year. He also stated that it may put a burden on the Planning Building and Zoning Department.

Member Heiman stated that she thought the Historic Preservation would receive notification of a historic structure to be demolished and decide if it was historically significant. Chairman Wehrli will speak to Mr. Asselmeier to see if this is something achievable.

Discussion of Landmarking Cemeteries and Funding Sources for Cemeteries

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having some of the cemeteries maintained. Ken Itle will speak at the summer meeting regarding landmarking cemeteries and the benefits of landmarking cemeteries.

In a past meeting Member Bernacki stated that many townships perform their own maintenance on cemeteries. In a previous meeting, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 6:22 p.m.

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