AGENDA

August 19, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Chairman), Sarah Herbik, Melissa Maye, and Jeff Wehrli (Vice-Chairman)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2019 Meeting (Pages 2-4)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Approval of Jeff Wehrli as Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

2. Approval of Melissa Maye as Vice-Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

3. Approval of Elizabeth Flowers as Secretary of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Review of Comments from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on Proposed Amendments to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance (Page 5)

2. Approval of Authorizing the Chairman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission to Notify the Kendall County Board Regarding the Absence of Commissioner Herbik (Pages 6-7)

3. Discussion of 2020 Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations (Pages 8-9)

4. Discussion of Participating in Community Events (Pages 10-12)

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. August 2019 Edition of the Bell Tower (Pages 13-14)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting-September 16, 2019

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.
CALL TO ORDER
Chairwoman Kristine Heiman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: Kristine Heiman (Chairwoman), Melissa Maye, and Jeff Wehrli (Vice-Chairman)
Absent: Elizabeth Flowers and Sarah Herbik
Also present: Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner and Al Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019, special meeting. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
Al Johnson expressed concerns about mandatory landmarking. He believes that taxing older buildings is an incentive to destroy potential historic structures. The dedication on taxes for historical easements is not honored by the IRS in areas where landmarking is involuntary. He does not believe mandatory landmarking is required for receiving State grants. He thought landmarking devalues a property. He talked about the stone houses along Sandy Bluff Road and the possibility of using volunteers to help repair one (1) of the houses. He suggested that the County Board could offer a tax break for owners of historic buildings with financial difficulties. He asked about the list of historic structures; the list has been created. He suggested doing house walks. Chairwoman Heiman discussed the historic preservation awards.

NEW BUSINESS
Nomination of Officers
Member Maye, seconded by Chairwoman Heiman, nominated Jeff Wehrli to the position of Chairman.

Member Wehrli, seconded by Chairwoman Heiman, nominated Melissa Maye to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Member Maye, seconded by Chairwoman Heiman, nominated Elizabeth Flowers to the position of Secretary.

The votes on the nominations will occur at the August meeting.
Approval of Authorizing the Chairwoman of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission to Send a Letter to Commissioner Herbik Regarding Commissioner Herbik’s Interest in Continuing to Serve on the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Members reviewed the letter.

Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to authorize the Chairwoman to send the letter.

The votes were as follows:
Ayes (3): Heiman, Maye, and Wehrli
Nays (0): None
Abstain (0): None
Absent (2): Flowers and Herbik

The motion carried.

Discussion of 2020 Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations
Discussion occurred regarding previous meetings.

The Little White Schoolhouse was suggested as a possible meeting location. One (1) of the older churches was also suggested. An older commercial building was also suggested as a possible meeting location. Members will consider possible locations. Mr. Asselmeier will bring the map of historic places to the next meeting.

Addressing the misconceptions of mandatory landmarking could be a topic for the meeting. Explaining the benefits of landmarking was also suggested as a topic of discussion. Lisa DiChiera was mentioned as possible speaker. The public should be invited to the meeting.

Members will discuss this topic again in August.

OLD BUSINESS
Review of Comments from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on Proposed Amendments to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance
Mr. Asselmeier noted the proposal was sent to the State and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency hopes to have someone in place later this summer to review the proposal.

Update on Website Changes for Historic Preservation Awards
Mr. Asselmeier stated that the pictures from this year’s awards ceremony have been placed on the website.

Discussion of Participating in Community Events
Mr. Asselmeier read emails regarding events at Plano Public Library and Farnsworth House.

Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Plano Library to obtain the date for their event. The consensus was that the Commission should have a presence at this event.

Mr. Asselmeier will contact the Farnsworth House to see what the Commission’s presence at the event would entail.

Discussion occurred regarding the lift at the Farnsworth House.

CORRESPONDENCE
None
PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ADJOURNMENT
Member Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner
Good morning!

We just got word at the end of last week that Jon Pressley accepted the position and his start date is September 1. (First day will be September 3rd.) We didn’t get an official announcement so I was just going to check and see if it was okay for me to send out an email to the CLGs. :)
August 19, 2019

Chairman Scott Gryder  
Kendall County Board  
111 W. Fox Street  
Yorkville, IL  60560

Dear Chairman Scott Gryder:

At its July 17, 2018, meeting, the Kendall County Board approved the appointment of Sarah Herbik to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission. Her appointment was for a three (3) year term ending in August 2021.

Ms. Herbik last attended a meeting of the Kendall County Historic Preservation on November 19, 2018. No contact with Ms. Herbik has occurred since the November 2018 meeting, despite several efforts on the part of past Commission Chairwoman Kristine Heiman and Staff of the Planning, Building and Zoning Department to reach Ms. Herbik.

At the July 15, 2019, meeting of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission authorized past Commission Chairwoman Kristine Heiman to send the attached letter certified return receipt. The letter was received by Frank Herbik on July 27, 2019, and, to date, no response has been received.

At the August 19, 2019, meeting of the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission authorized me to send you this letter informing you of the situation and requesting that Ms. Herbik be removed from the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wehrli, Chairman  
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission

Enc.  July 16, 2019 Letter to Sarah Herbik
July 16, 2019

Sarah Herbik

Dear Sarah,

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission was wondering if you were still interested in continuing to serve on the Commission. You have not attended a meeting since November 2018 and efforts to contact you have been unsuccessful.

Accordingly, we request that you contact Matt Asselmeier at 630-553-4139 or masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us by August 12, 2019, with your intentions. If we do not hear from you by that date, the Commission could request that the Kendall County Board remove you from the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department.

Sincerely,

Kristine Heiman, Chairwoman
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
Hi Matt,
The date for the program is Monday, September 16 at 6:30 pm.
Thanks!
Jeanne Valentine

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Jeanne Valentine
Adult Services Manager
Plano Community Library District
Plano, Illinois
630-552-2009

From: Matt Asselmeier [mailto:masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:18 AM
To: Valentine, Jeanne <JValentine@planolibrary.info>

Jeanne:

Has a date been determined for this event?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
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From: Valentine, Jeanne [mailto:JValentine@planolibrary.info]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Subject: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Hello Matt,
I'm glad to hear about this partnership opportunity. I am publishing a little book, hopefully later this month, about the harvester invention and manufacturing history of Plano. I plan to have an event at Plano Community Library in the fall, probably September. This might be a partnership opportunity. Of course I would like to be able to give talks about the book in other venues around the county too.

I will let you know when the book is released and you can tell me if a joint event interests you.
Thanks!
If you’d like to do something as simple as setting up a table to share information that would be great. If you’d like to provide an activity that would be terrific, too. We are not asking any registration fees – if that’s a concern!

It would be terrific to have the presences of the local historic commission.

Let me know if I can help further.

Best,

Jennifer

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From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 8:19 AM
To: Jennifer Wild-Downing <JWild-Downing@savingplaces.org>

Jennifer:

If the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission wanted a presence at this event, what would this entail?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP
Senior Planner
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From: Jennifer Wild-Downing [mailto:JWild-Downing@savingplaces.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us>
Subject: [External]RE: Historic Preservation Partnership Opportunity Request

Good Morning Matt!

I am working on Farnsworth Family Day on Saturday, October 19th. The grounds will be open to families for a flat family rate of $20. The tickets do not allow access to the house but it may be viewed from the outside – which seems to be a good way to introduce a glass house to little people! Additionally, the Kendall County Forest Preserve, Sci-Tech, Yorkville Chamber GreenConnect, Plano YMCA, Woody’s Pumpkin Farm and Open Space Art Gallery will be on-hand to provide activities for families. I am working on creating a Farnsworth House Scavenger Hunt. Additionally, we’re hoping to secure food vendors to offer concessions and to partner with a local scouting group to help guests make s’mores.

The opportunity to learn more about historic properties in Kendall County would be an terrific addition, too if you feel it’s a valuable opportunity.

Please let me know if you’d like to discuss this idea further.

Best,

Jennifer

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The newsletter of the Oswegoland Heritage Association...

August 2019

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You're invited!
Stop in and visit the Little White School Museum, 72 Folk Street (Folk at Jackson) in Oswego. Regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum's archives are open to researchers Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon; and other times by appointment. For more information, call 630-554-2999 or email info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.

“Picturing Oswegoland,” a special exhibit of historic images selected from the Little White School Museum’s collections opened Thursday, Aug. 1 in the museum’s Roger Matile Room.

This photo was taken at Main and Washington Street in Oswego at 3:30 p.m. on June 5, 1910 by professional photographer Daniel Bisig for his friend, Pearl Chase, later Pearl Shottman. Bisig was a professional postcard photographer who worked for a number of postcard publishers. The Little White School Museum has 37 of his known photos in its collections.

Roger Matile, editor

Photos of Oswegoland Implement Company building sought

In June, the old Oswegoland Implement Company (Oswego Industries) building on Washington Street in Oswego was restored, following it's crumbling down to make way for a new 7-11 mini-mart. The Little White School Museum is seeking photos of the building when it was doing business as the Oswego Implement Company.

The concrete block structure was built in January 1940 by Lewis Christe, who died a few weeks after construction began. It was continued and the business originally operated by his son, John Christe, who sold Oliver and Allis-Chalmers farm equipment.

If you have any photos of the business, inside or outside shots, or even photos of it appearing in the background, the museum would like either to have them donated, or have them brought to the museum so we can scan them for our collections.

For more information or to donate photos, email info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org, or call 630-554-2999.
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"Preserving Owosogland from Page 1..."

debut. The exhibit was presented by the museum in partnership with The Conservation Association and the Owosogland Heritage Association, and the Owosogland Park District.

Museum assistant director Bob Stelke coordinated mounting the exhibit with the help of museum manager Tina Hendrich.

Thanks to friends and members of the Owosogland Heritage Association, the Little White School Museum’s collections are continuing to grow on a weekly basis. As of July 20, the museum’s collections database contained 297,797 items. Since March 20, 11 items donated to the Little White School Museum’s collections included Esther Wollenweber photo, Judy Wheeler, 1943 baby book, Lutie Campbell Oswald, Owosogland Lique Club pin and a tray, Mary Heap, Volume 1, Number 1 of the Owosogland Ledger, Dave Krain, Owosogland Drag Racers photo, Jerry Wagner, three Owosogland High School yearbooks, a Christian Art House plaque, a cookbook, and Owosogland photos from Wanda Horton; four pinback political buttons, Owosogland Town book signing photos, and St. Luke’s Lutheran Church photos, Roger Matre; an Owosogland Days book and miscellaneous brochures, La Ann Koch; war-related newspapers, Jerry Tuvin; an Owosogland Dominique’s customer card, Ken Vogel; plans for the 1980 addition to the Owosogland Public Library, Owosogland Public Library District; local recipe book and Garden Faire advertising magnet, Kit Kinney; collection of Woolley family materials, Bonnie Woolley; miscellaneous Owosogland Drag Raceway photos, John Curry, three Thunderjet Jr. and high two Owosogland High School yearbooks, Jennifer Leonard; Owosogland Community Bank men’s football team uniform, Bob Stelke; Dreeton Haferrichter concert programs, Karen Givon; copy of the Abstract of Title for Turtle Rock plus some Bell family photos and other materials; John Brodemos, a 1969 Owosogland High School graduation invitation, Mary Church; a Kendall County Biennial history book, Nyla Hartman; and 42 boxes of original records from Owosogland Township the museum had scanned and made digital copies of.

Without the help of our donor friends, it would be impossible to protect and preserve Owosogland’s rich history. Thanks to our donors and our donors,”

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Stroll through Owosogland history...

Cathie Mundtunger, Owosogland Heritage Association membership chair, reminds members that each member family is entitled to one copy of the Owosogland Discovery Walk booklet. The self-guided walking tour guides visitors to 21 historic sites on a 1.5-mile stroll from the Little White School Museum along village streets to the Fox River at Hudson Crossing Park and back.

Families can get one free booklet by presenting their membership cards at the museum reception desk. Additional copies of the booklet are also available for sale at $5 each.

Another free membership premium is a free White Little School Museum stylus-ballpoint pen. Just present your membership card at the museum reception desk. Other membership benefits include three newsletters a year, free admittance to one OH/A-sponsored program, a 10% discount on museum store items. The names of Business/Organization members are printed as sponsors in three consecutive sell-out newsletters. Along with regular benefits, Lifetime Gold members also receive a copy of the 132-page history, 130 Years Along the Fox. For more information, visit the OH/A membership page at https://littlewiteschoolmuseum.org/give/membership.

Owosogland Heritage Association Program Chair Tina Beards Beaud has announced this year’s fall OHA program series. In addition, the Owosogland Park District will sponsor and co-sponsor museum programs this fall. Here’s a list of upcoming programs at the Locking of Your Family Tree, 1:30 p.m., Sept. 14, looking into your past but not sure where to start? Owosogland Heritage Association board member Tina Beaud will help you start tracing your family history using documents and research in your attic or around your house! Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins the day of the program are welcome.

Owosogland Cemetery Walk, Owosogland Township Cemetery, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5 (rain or shine). Owosogland’s popular annual event, small groups will be guided through the cemetery to visit with the “ghosts” of early Owosogland residents and their families (no registration required). Arrive anytime during the event. Bring flashlights, wear comfortable shoes, and expect moderate walking. Tours leave every 30 minutes during the event. Participants should park on Main Street and use the South Entrance to the cemetery. Presented by the Owosogland Park District and the OHA, check www.owosoglandparkdistrict.org and www.littlewiteschoolmuseum.org for up-to-date information. Interested in volunteering? Email Tina Hendrich at clinchad@littlewiteschoolmuseum.org.

Remembering Our Veterans, Nov. 1 to Dec. 2, daily during regular museum hours. Discover the history of Owosogland’s fighting men and women through an extensive display of recently seen military artifacts selected from the museum’s permanent collection, including items used during the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Honor will feature photographs of over 200 Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force personnel from the Owosogland area and a special exhibit honoring those military personnel with direct Owosogland connections who were killed in action from the Civil War through Vietnam. Special events include member appreciation, flag retirement, and postcards for veterans during the exhibit. All ages are welcome at this free event open daily during regular museum hours. Hosted by the OH/A in partnership with the Owosogland Park District

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Help! We NEED you!

Occasionally, an Owosogland Heritage Association Board member decides to seek remainder copies of a book that he or she considered for a book club and donate a few hours of your time each month, put your name on our waiting list. Just send a note to Bob Stelke, 609S5 or email info@littlewiteschoolmuseum.org if you're interested.

LEGO Trains in Action, Dec. 15-16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. LEGO Trains have always been a favorite of kids young and old. Enjoy an exciting display complete with trains, buildings, vehicles and people at holiday season. All ages, adults are welcome at this free event open daily during regular museum hours. Hosted by the OH/A in partnership with the Owosogland Park District.

The History of Toy Trains, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. Toy trains have fascinated children for over 100 years. From the live steam trains of the 19th century to modern garden railways of the 21st century, find out how toy trains evolved over the years. Bob Stelke, Little White School Museum Assistant Director, will guide you along the rails of history for an afternoon journey you won’t want to miss. Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins the day of the program are welcome. Hosted by the OH/A in partnership with the Owosogland Park District.

Many more fall programs will be hosted by the Owosogland Park District at the museum; check out our web site at www.littlewiteschoolmuseum.org for the latest program information and to take home and share during the coming months. For more information about OH/A and park district programming at the Little White School Museum, call the museum at 658-554-2999 or send an email to info@littlewiteschoolmuseum.org.