CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Whitney French (Vice Chair), Ken Donart, Kristine Heiman, Richard Scheffrahn, Jeff Wehrli, and Two Vacancies

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS
   1. Recommend Approval of a Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month

OLD BUSINESS
   2. Spring Workshop Event
   3. Social Media and Marketing
   4. Update on Millbrook Bridge
   5. Historic Courthouse Window Replacement
   6. Review Reconnaissance Survey Pictures

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT: Next regular meeting on May 18, 2016
CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Whitney French at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: Ken Donart, Vice-Chair Whitney French, Kristine Heiman, and Jeff Wehrli
Absent: Richard Scheffrahn
Also present: John Sterrett, Senior Planner
In the audience: Melissa Maye

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Donart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wehrli, to approve the agenda as written. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heiman, to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

OLD BUSINESS
Spring Workshop Event
The Commission discussed using the LaSalle Manor for the spring workshop. Ms. French stated she would work with LaSalle Manor to determine the parameters for using this facility such available days/times, seating capacity, and fees. Events organized by other historic organizations will need to be coordinated to make sure that there are no other events going on the same time as the spring workshop. The Commission discussed the possibility of utilizing Oswego’s Prairie Fest as an opportunity to exhibit information and provide exposure with the theme of “Settlers Picnic”. In addition to the Little White School House and Chapel on the Hill, Ms. Heiman suggested that other organizations to invite to the workshop event include the Plano Historical Society, Oswego Historical Preservation, Plainfield Historic Preservation, Montgomery Historic Preservation, Ferndell Historical Association in Newark, and Genealogy Trails History Group of Millington. Mr. Wehrli suggested sending information on the workshop to all of the communities that do not have a historic preservation commission. Ms. French will discuss event details with LaSalle Manor and inform the Commission by email.
Social Media and Marketing
Mr. Sterrett updated the Commission on the meeting with the Waubonsee Community College about utilizing a class project to develop a marketing strategy for historic preservation in the County. Staff is waiting to hear back from Waubonsee on feedback.

Update on Millbrook Bridge
Mr. Wehrli updated the Commission on the Forest Preserve District’s effort with the Village of Millbrook to develop an agreement with regards to improving the Millbrook Bridge and that discussions continue. Mr. Wehrli provided background information on the Millbrook bridge situation to Ms. Maye. Ms. Maye is a proposed appointment to the Commission. The Commission introduced themselves to Ms. Maye and heard about her background. Ms. French explained the purpose and functionality of the Commission and will provide Ms. Maye a packet of information.

Landmarks Video
The Commission viewed a video from Landmarks Illinois.

Review Reconnaissance Survey Pictures
The Commission will continue the review of the pictures at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Wehrli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Heiman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. Sterrett
Senior Planner
A PROCLAMATION
Declaring Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County, Illinois

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, “This Place Matters” is the theme for National Preservation Month 2016, cosponsored by Kendall County and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

THEREFORE, the Board of Kendall County do proclaim May 2016 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Kendall County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 3rd DAY OF May, 2016.

Attest:

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John A. Shaw                             Debbie Gillette
County Board Chairman                    County Clerk