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PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2002 6:30 p.m.  
Pittsfield Township Administration Building  
6201 W. Michigan Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Byrd, Marine, Summers, Ticknor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** LeClair, Wilson, Wall

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum.**

Chair Ticknor called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Ticknor.

**3.0 Roll Call**

**4.0 Open Meetings Act/Public Comment**

**Under the Open Meetings Act, any person may come forward at this time to address the Board. Anyone who wishes to speak is requested but not required to state his/her name and address for the record.**

**5.0 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Summers, supported by Commissioner Marine to approve the agenda. *Action: Motion Carried.*

**6.0 Scheduled Guest: None**

**7.0 Officers Report**

7.1 Chair

Chair Ticknor reported on her attendance at the MDOT Meeting. Ticknor also discussed the historical sites that are along US-12 and some of the historical sites that will be moved because they are eligible for National Register.

Chair Ticknor also stated that there is approximately eight weeks to come up with proof that the Valentine School is the original building and it has not been rebuilt. Time is of an essence so it could be determined eligible to receive grants to help with the expense of moving the school.

It was suggested that the Commission should take a visit to an existing historical village in the near future.

7.2 Vice-Chair: **No Report**

7.3 Secretary/Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Summers, supported by Commissioner Marine to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting on November 7, 2002 as corrected.  
**Action: Motion Carried.**

7.4 Expenditure Report: **No Report**

## **8.0 Reports**

8.1 Archive/Museum: **No Report**

8.2 Sutherland-Wilson Farm Ground/Museum Interior/Exterior

Commissioner Marine reported on the status of the Wilson Farm. He stated that the Township spent \$5,000.000 to bring in professionals to check the structure of the Wilson Farm.

Chair Ticknor reported on interviews and picture taking at the Wilson Farm for eligibility of the National Register.

8.3 Grants Report: **No Report**

## **9.0 Old Business**

9.1 Valentine School/EMU-Town Hall School

Chair Ticknor stated that the last she had heard from April Beisaw, she had not heard from EMU. EMU was hiring an archeologist and April was worried that if they hired one that they would take her plan and do their own thing.

Chair Ticknor also discussed going to the class at Depot in Saline.

9.2 Contact with the EMU Historical Preservation

Commissioner Byrd reported on the status of EMU graduate student. A student has been assigned to research property at 3261 Lohr Road-J. Raleigh Nelson Estate.

9.3 Historical Survey

Commissioner Summers stated that he would look for volunteers, student, and hopes to meet a spring deadline. Commissioner Summers also stated that the Commission should look at hiring someone if they could not get volunteers within the next month or two.

## **10.0 New Business**

### **10.1 Ruth McFarlane**

Chair Ticknor stated that Ruth McFarlane is a botanist who collected the specimens for the Central Area Rural Preserve, who is a former resident who knows the history of the entire area.

Chair Ticknor also spoke about getting Ruth McFarlane to come and talk to the Historical Commission.

### **10.2 Dr. Dan Fisher**

Chair Ticknor spoke about Dr. Dan Fisher of U of M, showing slides and talked on the Mastodon find.

Commissioner Summers suggested for the next meeting, to have at least a 15-20 minute session about goals for the coming year.

## **11.0 Next Meeting**

Chair Ticknor stated that the next meeting would be January 2, 2003.

## **12.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Summers, supported by Commissioner Marine to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion Carried.***

Chair Ticknor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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**Betty LeClair-Secretary**  
**Pittsfield Township Historical Commission**