
PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2003 6:30 p.m.
Pittsfield Township Administration Building
6201 W. Michigan Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ticknor, Byrd, Wall, Marine, Summers, LeClair

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Wall

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum.

2.0

Chair Ticknor called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Roll Call

5.0 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 Byrd, supported by Commissioner Summers to approve the Agenda. **Action: Motion Carried.**

6.0 Scheduled Guest: None

7.0 Officers Report

7.1 Chair

Chair Ticknor spoke about how Mr. Ted Ligabel is very interested in using the Historical Survey. Also there is a grant writing class at Eastern Michigan University and going to try and get the class to do the majority of the grant writing for the Historical Commission.

Chair Ticknor also spoke about her and April Beisaw taking pictures of all the one-room school houses and putting the information on a CD and sending it on to Lloyd Baldwin, who is an Historian for MDOT. Mr. Baldwin sent an e-mail back stating that the Valentine School has been (unofficial at this point) determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP for the purposes of this study.

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 regular meeting on December 5, 2002 as corrected.
Action: Motion Carried.

7.4 Expenditure Report

Chair Ticknor reported that she has information and application for the Michigan Historical Society, and asked if the Commissioners thought that this was worth being a member of.

Commissioner Byrd read from the pamphlet all that you would get if you joined and paid a fee of \$35.00.

Motion by Commissioner Wall, supported by Commissioner Marine to join the Michigan Historical Society and that the \$35.00 fee will be charged to account #803-957-Membership & Dues. **Action: Motion Carried**

8.0 Reports

8.1 Archive/Museum: **No Report**

8.2 Sutherland-Wilson Farm Ground/Museum Interior/Exterior

Eligibility for National Historic Places Registrar

Commissioner LeClair informed the Commission that Doug Woolley has a site plan and will in about a month get all the information mailed in.

8.3 Grants Report: **No Report**

9.0 Old Business

Commissioner Wall spoke about the Parks Commission's special meeting on obtaining grants to develop additional parkland, and in order to obtain the grants, the Parks Commission has to bring up-to-date the previous five year master plan.

There was also discussion about Anita Wilson and her role with the Commission.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Brochure

Chair Ticknor stated that she received a call from a freelance writer for the Saline Reporter, to do an article on the Historical Society.

Commissioner LeClair stated that the Washtenaw County Historical Society invited the Pittsfield Historical Society to visit, and they were discussing brochures. Commissioner LeClair passed out the brochures that have a listing of historical sites throughout the county. Commissioner LeClair spoke about the Historical Society paying \$100.00 to have Sutherland Wilson Farm and operated by Pittsfield Charter Township as one of the many listings in the up coming brochure.

10.2 MOMS Display

Chair Ticknor announced that the Historical Society has a display at the museum on Main Street in Ann Arbor.

10.3 Goal Setting for 2003

Commissioner Summers spoke about the first goal being that the Commission has a preliminary historical survey by January 1, 2004.

Commissioner Marine stated that one of the goals should also be, by 2004 the Commission will have mapped out historical sites and obtained stories about the township to preserve and make available to the public.

Commissioner Byrd stated the goal she would like to see would be to become identified more closely with EMU's Historical Preservation Department, so that there would be some kind of educational connection and to also work with whatever agency necessary to identify a site for an historical village.

The Historical Commission would like to extend their condolences to Reverend Joe Summers on the passing of his father.

11.0 Next Meeting

12.0 Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Wall, supported by Commissioner Marine to adjourn the meeting.

Action: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Betty LeClair-Secretary

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