
PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2005 6:30 p.m.
Pittsfield Township Administration Building
6201 W. Michigan Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Byrd, Dodd, LeClair, Richards, Ticknor, Urda-Thompson,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wall

OTHERS PRESENT:

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum.

Chair Ticknor called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and a quorum was present.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

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

Motioned by Commissioner Byrd, supported by Commissioner Richards to approve the agenda of May, 2005. *Action: Motion Carried.*

6.0 Scheduled Guest: None

7.0 Officers Report

7.1 Chair: No Report

7.2 Vice-Chair: No Report

7.3 Secretary/Approval of Minutes

Motioned by commissioner LeClair, supported by Richards to approve the minutes for April 2005.
Action: Motion Carried

- 7.4 Expenditure Report/Acceptance/Deny
None

8.0 Reports

- 8.1 Archive/Museum: Richards reported archives have been moved and reorganized in file cabinets. A need for a fire proof safe has been brought up. Richards found information on fire proof safes on the internet. John of a Detroit area safe company suggested a \$3,500 – used double door safe. Further discussion and research is needed to make a decision.
- 8.2 SWFM/National Registry: LeClair reported that they were informed by Department of History Arts Library that the Sutherland-Wilson farmstead will be considered for nomination to the National Registry at the meeting held May 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Lansing at the Historical Center.
- 8.3 Grants Report/Acceptance: Chair Ticknor reported that there was a meeting two months ago with the Ann Arbor Community Foundation regarding finding money to have EMU students do historical survey of the township. Ticknor talked to Marnie Paulus and it was suggested that a timeline should be made for working on this project. Commission must submit an application and opening paragraph/statement that is a value statement and goals. Survey would consist of structure survey and an in depth comprehensive survey detailing building's original use, owners, families, etc. EMU students will start by taking a visual survey before the initial survey.

9.0 Old Business

- 9.1 Oral History Interviews: Chair Ticknor reported that commissioner Wall went to the Oral History Class. Commission is looking for EMU student in graduate program to begin the oral history interviews. Brief review of names is discussed to be interviewed.
- 9.2 EMU classes at SWFM: Chair Ticknor reported that April 18th at 8:00 the EMU classes presented their findings. EMU requested they be reimbursed for the cost of the proofs. Amount requested is \$15.00.

Motioned by commissioner Dodd and supported by Richards to reimburse the \$15.00 to EMU.

Motion Carried.

- 9.3 Michigan in Perspective History Conference: Commissioner Dodd reported about the Perspective History Conference. He discussed the classes he attended and reported on the subjects discussed. Chair Ticknor reported for Wall who visited a historical photographic library. She discussed the techniques for getting the story from a photo.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Preserve our Heritage-Educational & Entertaining: Commissioner Dodd reported that the historical background should consist of establishing and maintaining community traditions, anchoring culture and preserving secondary sources. This should be clearly stated for obtaining grants to express the needs and position of the commission.
- 10.2 LeClair reported a call was received from Dan Cooperrider that they were going to begin working on the park and there are remains of an old barn there. He needed to find out more information. Pictures were taken of the remains. The commission discussed the structure and what is to be done with it. Discussion of putting a sign on the site stating the history of the barn.

11.0 Next Meeting: June 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner LeClair, supported by Commissioner Richards to adjourn the meeting, at 7:55 p.m.

Action: Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Betty LeClair-Secretary
Pittsfield Township Historical Commission