

**PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 4, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

*NOTE: Held at the Burger King across the street,
due to the new chair not picking up the key to the Township Hall:*

**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: None

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum

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

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (no flag present)

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.

4.0 Approval of Agenda

Unanimous consent to approve the agenda as presented.

6.0 Scheduled Guest: None

7.0 Officers Reports:

7.1 Chair

- Website updates as per Jan Ben Dor's request:
 - Add purpose: "The purpose of the Historic Commission is to advance the historical interests of the Township."
 - Correct typos: Members: "Letitia" Byrd
 - Change meeting day: ...on the first "Wednesday" of each month...
- Circulated recent copies of *Preservation* magazine

7.2 Vice-Chair

None

7.3 Secretary/Approval of Minutes

Moved and accepted as presented

7.4 Expenditure Report/Acceptance/Deny

Tabled until Commission gains access to meeting room; review at February meeting

8.0 Reports:

8.1 Archive/Museum:

- Commissioner Richards reported the new exhibit, “Winter in Pittsfield” has been well received by the general public.
- Richards reported a new accession in the archives: Hannah Geddes Wright’s book on the history of the Geddes family.
- Commissioner Dodd reported on the Society’s progress on publishing Harry Macomber’s book as a fund-raiser for the Museum. Revisions and proofs are complete. Sponsorship is being sought from John Deere Corporation. Publication will be through Amazon.com as “publish on demand.”
- Commissioner Dodd reported on the Society’s progress in designing a brochure to solicit the sale of paving bricks at the SWFM barn ramp. Doug Woolley is chairing the project.
- Commissioner Ticknor reported the access to historic pictures from the Ben Payeur estate of classes at the Sutherland School.
- Commissioner Ticknor reported requests from police officers for documentation and pictures from 1970-1980.

8.2 SWFM/National Registry:

Commissioner LeClair reported on the nomination of Sutherland-Wilson Farmstead to the National Registry. See message attached:

[From Mr. Bob Christensen@michigan.gov: “I learned from the Register this morning that they never received the resubmitted nomination. Our cover letter is dated Aug. 22. I don’t recall this ever happening before in my 27 years here. We can recreate the form from our photocopy easily enough but we’ll need a new set of black and white prints to send. You could provide a new set of black and white prints like those sent previously or a CD-R of images of general views and views of individual buildings from which we can have a set of 5 or 6 prints made. Either way, the prints or the images need to meet the National Register’s standards outlines in our photo spec available at our Website, www.michigan.gov/shpo, under Our Programs, National Register, Publications, Photo Specs (see also the Register’s own Expanded Photo Policy at their Website, www.cr.nps.gov/nre. We can have a set of prints made from your electronic images, but we will have to bill you (probably about \$30) for them. I’m sorry for such an annoying situation.”

8.3 Grants Report/Acceptance:

Commissioner Dodd reported a conversation with Jan Ben Dor who is awaiting an imminent proposal from Ina Hanel for a Township-wide Historical Survey at much less cost than previous proposals.

9.0 Old Business

None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Ticknor moved, and Richards supported the nomination of the 1830 David Byrd Center, 3261 Lohr Road, for a historic marker to be awarded by the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission. *Action: Motion carried.*
Dodd will carry the nomination to the WCHDC.

10.2 LeClair moved, Urda-Thompson supported to initiate a study in conjunction with the Pittsfield Township Historical Society for the placement of a historic maker by the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission. *Action: Motion carried.*
Dodd will alert WCHDC to of the initiation of the joint study.

10.3 Commissioner LeClair requested an update on the widening of Michigan Avenue and the status of Valentine School.

11.0 Adjournment:

Commissioner Byrd moved, Ticknor supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. *Action: Motion carried.*

Next meeting:

6:30 p.m., February 1, 2006

Future meeting dates:

March 1, 2006

April 5, 2006

May 3, 2006

June 7, 2006

July 5, 2006

August 2, 2006

September 6, 2006

October 4, 2006

November 1, 2006

December 6, 2006

Respectfully submitted

Tom Dodd, chair

Pittsfield Township Historical Commission

