
PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Pittsfield Township Administration Building

6201 W. Michigan Avenue

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: LeClair, Richards, Wall

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Connor, Ron Connor

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum.

Chair Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:40 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.

None

5.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Byrd, supported by Urda-Thompson, to approve agenda.

Motion carried.

6.0 Scheduled Guests:

Ina Hanel-Gerdenich

7.0 Officers Report

7.1 Chair: The Chair reported that the Ann Arbor News carried a story about Pittsfield, exploring the Township's historic site policy and the hiring of a consultant to develop preservation plans, written by John Mulcahy.

The Chair announced upcoming conferences. One conference is the last day of March and first weekend of April at Mackinaw Island, and another is at Wayne State University, the Michigan in Perspective Annual Conference on Local History, on April 20-21, 2007.

Chair Dodd reported on a short meeting with Supervisor Jim Walter regarding the status of the scanner purchase and the letter from the Society which included information that the Society was not going to renew the contract regarding the Sutherland-Wilson Farm when the contract expires in 2009. Chair Dodd explained the reasons given by the Society for its decision and reported that the Society is hoping that the Township's Parks and Recreation Department will take over operation of the Farm Museum.

The Chair reported about the Cody Farm and rumors that it has been sold and the new owner might tear it down. There might be an opportunity to obtain some hardware, etc., for use at the Sutherland-Wilson farm. The Chair will meet on Friday with the agents handling the Cody sale to let them know of the Historical Commission's interest.

The Chair reported that Sean Connor, age 16, has an interest in serving on the Commission and has inquired if he could serve as a student member. This idea was supported in discussion by the Commissioners present and it was discussed how this could be accomplished. Sean explained his interest in history and why he would like to be on the Commission.

The Chair reported that the National Trust for Historical Preservation will hold their annual conference in St. Paul, Minn., in October, and that the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums will be held in Chicago. Other mail was also reviewed.

- 7.2 Vice Chair: Vice Chair Ticknor reported on membership in AASLH and that it was time to renew the Commission's membership. Institutional dues are \$100 and individuals can access their website.

Motion by Ticknor, supported by Byrd, to renew dues for the AASLH;

Motion passed.

- 7.3 Secretary/Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Byrd, supported by Urda-Thompson, to approve minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting, as distributed at this meeting.

Action: Motion Carried

- 7.4 Expenditure Report: None

8.0 Reports

8.1 Archive Museum: None

8.2 SWFM: None

9.0 Old Business

There was a discussion with Ina Hanel-Gerdenich about the planned survey, and other surveys and available resources. A work session with Ina H.-G. continued after the meeting was adjourned.

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

12.0 Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Urda-Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

Action: Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Ticknor
Pittsfield Township Historical Commission