

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Go To Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES OF  
April 7, 2021**

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Dave Curtis, JoAnn Dionne, Kathy Martin, Bill Tesen  
Member Absent: Scott Beutner, Joan Lager  
Staff Present: Gregg King  
Guests: None

**Call to Order:**

Once a quorum was assembled, Chairperson Bill Tesen called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Martin, supported by Dionne to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Tesen, supported by Curtis to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**I. Historical Society**

Discussion was had regarding the upcoming display at the Museum. Also, discussed at great length the requirements to open the museum which included screening, getting contact tracing information and social distancing requirements. King mentioned that he would supply the Society with a QR Code for a screening survey and signage that would indicate that masks and social distancing are required while in the building. The display will be titled “Who’s Farm do You Live On” and will allow residents to see what was at their house years ago on a map. It was also indicated that the move of some historical assets once stored at the Bartlett Travis House have been moved to the lower level of the Canton Human Services Building for storage. Tesen asked about the pole barn’s ability to be open during the upcoming Farmers Markets. King said he would follow up with Township Staff.

**II. Buildings and Grounds**

The Pavilion at Preservation Park is getting very close to being completed. King advised the group that there is going to be a comprehensive roof inspection for all historic buildings and that small maintenance issues found are going to be

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resolved at that time. King also stated that the roofs of Sheldon School and several other buildings are slated to be inspected and possibly replaced or repaired.

### **III. Education**

Since the Covid Virus Pandemic the State Historic Preservation Office has been excellent in communicating with the HDCs available online training opportunities for commissioners. Martin indicated that she had attended a session by the Historical Society of Michigan entitled "Creating Unique Programs and Presentations."

### **IV. Development**

It was discussed that the homes recently removed from the Historic District Ordinance at 50325 and 50337 Cherry Hill had been torn down.

### **V. Legal**

Nothing to report.

### **VI. Staff**

Nothing additional to report.

## **Old Business:**

### **I. Historic Building Documentation**

Dionne stated that all of the photos had been taken and the accounting aspect of the project was complete. We have basically lost half of the houses from the original list. The question was raised as to what to do with the information. It was suggested that the pictures and addresses as well as the survey results possibly be incorporated into some sort of power point presentation and that it be made available online. There was additional discussion regarding doing a similar survey of religious institutions in Canton and possibly sending them letters asking for basic information. There was also discussion regarding taking pictures of subdivision homes to show how they have evolved over the years. It was mentioned that this sort of documentation could prove important in years to come after these subdivisions may have been removed or replaced.

### **II. Construction of Pavilion Update**

King discussed the status of the work. Final cement has been poured. Leisure Services is holding off on programming the building till fall.

### **III. Commissioner Vacancy Update**

King indicated that the vacancy for Commissioner Foley's has received one interested letter if interest. The candidate, Brian Watkins has been contacted by King and has indicated an interest in the position. King stated he will contact the Supervisors office to arrange an interview.

## **New Business**

### **I. None at this time.**

### **Adjourn:**

Motion by Tesen, supported by Curtis to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Next meeting is planned for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioners have indicated that they feel a live, socially distanced meeting could be done at Cherry Hill School.