

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES OF
June 2, 2021

Roll Call:

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

Call to Order:

Once a quorum was assembled, Chairperson Bill Tesen called the meeting to order at 7:12p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Martin, supported by Lager to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting. Refern abstained Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

I. Historical Society

Discussion was had regarding the upcoming display at the Museum. It is titled “Who’s Farm do You Live On” and will be open to the public on 6.19 at 11am. Tesen indicated that the White Pole Barn will be open for display at the next Farmers Market and that once restrictions are lifted on July 1st the Society will again offer interactive activities for the kids at the Farmers Markets. Curtis mentioned that the Society will be at the White Barn this Friday the 4th to prepare the building for Sunday.

II. Buildings and Grounds

King advised the group that the Pavilion at Preservation Park is completed. King advised the group that there is going to be a comprehensive look at the ADA accessibility at Preservation Park.

III. Education

Nothing to report

IV. Development
Nothing to report

V. Legal
Nothing to report.

VI. Staff
Nothing to report.

Old Business:

I. Historic Building Documentation

Dionne stated that the initial phase of the project is complete. She gave to staff the records and a thumb drive with all of the information. Less than half of the original survey of houses remain. Staff stated that there should be discussion and decisions made as to how to disseminate the information that was learned. Curtis and Tesen both wanted a dvd or cd that could be played on the monitors at the Historical Society Pole Barn.

New Business

I. New Historic District Commissioner Introduction

Phyllis Redfern was introduced as the most recent addition to the commission. She has been a longtime resident of Canton, is a former employee of the local newspaper and has been employed, prior to retiring at the Canton Township Clerks Office.

II. Michigan Heritage Home Program Discussion

Dionne gave a report that the Michigan Historical Society was starting a Michigan Heritage Home Program. She stated that the new project was introduced to honor houses built over 100 years ago and that have not been substantially changed. There was discussion that this may be a good connection project or next step to our Historic Documentation Project. Staff will follow up.

III. Paul Mersinio Siding Request

Staff read a letter from Paul Mersinio who owns the Barr Paterson House. Mr. Mersinio was asking for direction regarding the process necessary to do some maintenance on his wood siding and the possible replacement of the gutters that are on the house. Mr. Mersinio was advised via phone conversation with staff that general maintenance would not require a Certificate of Appropriateness as long as like products, producing like site lines were used. As for the gutter Mr. Mersinio was advised to go to the Canton website and review and submit the forms for consideration for the replacement of the gutters.

IV. Cady Boyer Barn Update

The loss of the Cady Boyer Barn to fire was discussed. At this point it is a total loss. Staff advised the group that an investigation as to the cause was underway and that the Township reps would be meeting with insurance to determine the next step. Staff advised the group that at this Sunday's Farmers Market a consulting group charged with the revision of the Master Plan would be on site and that the input of the Commission was very important. Staff urged all of the commissioners to attend and complete the survey questions.

Adjourn:

Motion by Dionne, supported by Lager to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Next meeting is planned for August 4th. The meeting will be live at the Cherry Hill School. Commissioners have indicated that they feel a live, socially distanced meeting could be done at Cherry Hill School.