

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**Canton Township Administration Building**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**August 4, 2021**

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Dave Curtis, JoAnn Dionne, Kathy Martin, Bill Tesen, Phyllis Redfern  
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 Dionne, supported by Martin to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Martin, supported by Redfern to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**I. Historical Society**

Discussion was had regarding the upcoming Brews Brats and Bands at the Barn Fundraiser. Discussed the very heavy visitor rate at the Barn on Sundays Farmers Markets. Last Sunday saw 700 visitors. Booklets, made by the Historical Society are being given out and may need to be reordered soon. There was discussion regarding the recent loss of the Cady Boyer Barn to fire and the proposed wording for a letter to the Township Board supporting the rebuilding of a structure in its' place

**II. Buildings and Grounds**

King discussed with the commission that a group is being put together to discuss the future use of the Cady Boyer Barn site. Jon LaFever from Canton Leisure Services is spearheading this group and as information is available King will forward. LaFever as indicated that he wants HDC and Historical Society representation on this group.

**III. Education**

Dionne indicated that she attended a seminar regarding pictures and who owns the rights to pictures. Indicated that she believes that the Society and HDC are

covered in the use of photos under a “Fair Use” doctrine. Curtis indicated that he would like to see a watermark inserted onto photos that the Township and Society use publicly. Discussion was had regarding the scanning of photos, particularly the Cady Boyer Barn photos and the need to have more than one document for historical items. These items, such as collections of pictures and newspaper articles should be scanned, archived and stored in more than one location to assure the items safety and availability.

**IV. Development**

Nothing to report

**V. Legal**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

**I. Update on 6205 N. Ridge Road**

King updated the Commission on a COA that was submitted by Paul Mersino regarding some painting, siding repair and gutter replacement. Given the scope of the work, and previous conversations with Mr. Mersino, and after referring to Department of interior Standards it was determined that the work was maintenance and that a COA was not required.

**II. Old Building Update**

Discussion was had regarding the organization of all of the data that has been collected. Initially there are plans to organize the data by street name and then combine. That product will then be placed on the Historic District Commissions’ and Historical Societies’ web pages.

**III. Cady Boyer Barn/Silo Update**

Discussion was had regarding the future use of the site and the plans the Township has regarding gathering information from user groups.

**New Business**

**I. New Art for Preservation Park**

King discussed with the Commission an opportunity to have a sculpture placed in Preservation Park. The sculpture will, instead of Preservation Park, be placed at the Arts Council site at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Dionne, supported by Martin to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Next meeting is planned for October 6th. The meeting will be live at the Canton Township Administration Building.