

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CHERRY HILL SCHOOL
50040 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48188**

**MEETING MINUTES OF
June 5, 2019**

Roll Call:

Members Present: Scott Beutner, Kathy Martin, Dave Curtis, Steve Foley, JoAnn Dionne,
Joan Lager
Member Absent: Ralph Welton
Staff Present: Gregg King
Guests: None

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were corrected by Lager. Footer date must match meeting date. Motion by Foley, supported by Dionne to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 Meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

Committee Reports:

I. Historical Society

Ms. Martin discussed the new exhibit that is now open at the Historical Society Museum. It is entitled "Do You Remember When...? A Glimpse at Everyday Life Through Objects from the 1920s-1950s". Mr. Curtis discussed the new signage for Preservation Park will be in soon and installed soon. Mr. Curtis mentioned that the door to the outhouse on the grounds of preservation Park had been vandalized. Mr. King said he would have Facilities staff look at it and repair same. Mr. Curtis talked about a recent tour of the area that he gave to seven descendants of the family of Moses Bradford who was one of the original settlers of Canton Township. He also indicated that the Pole Barn was open during the Farmers Market this past Sunday. Mr. Curtis also indicated that the Geddes Road Historical Marker wording had been finalized and that he is waiting on the final approval from the state.

II. Buildings and Grounds

Mr. King discussed that the Cherry Hill School will soon be occupied by Camp Able and that if there is a need to move meeting locations he will notify the Commissioners. Mr. King also indicated that new gravel had been placed in the parking areas and driveway at Preservation Park. Mr. Curtis asked if the township could add more fine gravel to the path leading up to the Pole Barn. Mr. King indicated that he would look into the possibility and that it may be done when the paver path in front of the Bartlett Travis house is re-done.

Mr. King also discussed the meeting that Canton Leisure Services had with the County regarding funding a new pavilion and restroom for the Preservation Park lot. More will come later. The commission was advised that their input would be a part of the planning process for the pavilion.

III. Education

Nothing to report

IV. Development

Maraschinos Pub is now open on Cherry Hill Road. Also, staff was contacted by a resident that was interested in buying the house on Cherry Hill. She knew that different Commissions had different expectations. Mr. King advised her to go to the HDC website on the Township website and there she could find the COA application as well as the Department of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. The resident stated that she had wanted to only do some interior work and Mr. King assured her that for the most part interior work was not a consideration for review by the Historic District Commission.

V. Legal

Nothing to report

Old Business:

I. Update Toolkits and Wheelhouses

Mr. King discussed the recent conference that he attended in Holland Michigan. Discussed a number of the seminars that were held.

II. HDC Photo Documentation Discussion/Project Update

Discussion regarding the project. Discussion regarding how pictures could be captured of all the addresses that had been identified back in 1981. Different software was discussed as was the possibility of engaging the Township Assessors office to get pictures. Discussion also included what type of form could be used. Mr. Beutner indicated that he could assist with the manipulation of the pictures.

III. Election of Secretary for the Commission

Commission President Foley will be serving as a secretary until such time as a commissioner would volunteer to serve in that capacity.

New Business:

I. Welcome Joan Lager to the Historic District Commission

II. Lilley Road Bridge Update

Mr. King indicated that the construction project for the replacement of the Lilley Road Bridge has ramped up. Mr. King discussed that the Trails have been closed in that area and that per a discussion with the surveyor of the project that they expect the bridge project to start shortly and be complete by the end of this year. Mr. King has indicated that he has taken pictures of the bridge and will continue to do so while construction occurs. He also stated that an aerial video was taken of the bridge.

III. Discuss Oral Histories Workshop

Ms. Martin discussed the recent on-line workshop that she attended regarding oral histories. She discussed the need to have an interview release form completed on all interviewees and gave a copy to staff for retention. Also discussed the involvement of Canton Cable and the desire to investigate if skype conversations can be recorded. Discussed methods and techniques that would allow for better editing and also discussed the need to have multiple versions stored on various media. Different types of media and their shortcomings were discussed.

Adjourn:

Motion by Martin, supported by Dionne to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.