

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Go To Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES OF
January 6, 2021**

Roll Call:

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

Call to Order:

Once a quorum was assembled, Chairperson Steve Foley called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Foley, supported by Dionne to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

I. Historical Society

Martin discussed the recent Christmas Story Time activity that was done via Zoom. There were 73 people participants in that event. She also indicated that she had taken some film from the archives that were very toxic and flammable due to their composition and took them to ERG Environmental Services in Livonia for proper disposal.

Curtis discussed the recent Christmas window displays at the Museum and that it was very well received.

II. Buildings and Grounds

Discussion was had regarding the progress on the construction of the new pavilion at Preservation Park. Maintenance and painting projects are planned for the historic properties including painting the Museum in the upcoming year.

III. Education

Since the Covid Virus Pandemic the State Historic Preservation Office has been excellent is communicating with the HDCs available on-line training

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opportunities for commissioners. Commissioners Martin, Lager and Dionne have taken a number of these classes.

Martin discussed classes from the Historical Society of Michigan and that they had multiple training opportunities. Dionne stated that she had taken a Barn Architecture class recently and Martin stated that a grant writing class was upcoming as well.

IV. Development

Nothing to report.

V. Legal

Foley had nothing to report.

VI. Staff

King reported that Steve Foley had stated that he would not be seeking re-appointment to the HDC after his term expires on 2.2021. Additionally, King reported that Lager may be resigning her position with the Commission as she is often out of state as she is recently retired. King will confirm.

King also discussed that the owners of the McBay property contacted him regarding some work to the siding on their property planned for the spring which would require a COA. Dionne mentioned that the owners were concerned about adding gutters to the building as well.

Old Business:

I. Historic Building Documentation

Dionne stated that there were 326 houses in the original survey and that upon their recent investigation about 140 are gone. Excel sheets have been made for organizational purposes and some of the houses still need to be photographed. Weather and locations are posing a challenge. King indicated that if some addresses need to be photographed he could get them taken for the group.

There was some discussion regarding some discrepancies with addresses and that further investigation would be warranted.

II. Fire Truck Preservation Discussion

King discussed that the truck was still being stored outside of the DPW due to an expansion of the Public Safety inside storage area at DPW and that due to Covid-19 no attempts were able to be had meeting at the truck to discuss a possible restoration. Martin stated that the restored truck could serve as an important educational feature for the Township.

New Business

I. Construction of Pavilion

King indicated that the foundation had been laid and that water, sewer and electrical work was being done. Actual construction of the building is slated to start the end of January.

II. Possible Re-Use of Rays Garage

King stated that there was no further conversation from the owner regarding this. Rays Garage is a non-contributing structure.

III. Nomination of Officers for the 2021 Year

Martin has accepted the nomination of Vice Chair, Dionne has accepted the position of the Secretary and post meeting Tesen has agreed to being the Commission Chairperson.

IV. Reappointments Steve 2.21, JoAnn 2.21, Kathy 4.21, and Scott 8.21

King stated that while reviewing the recently updated ordinance he found that all commissions are to expire in the month of March. Discussion was had regarding the new process that The Canton Township Board of Trustees has implemented in that three of the Board Members are to be included in all Boards and Commissions interviews. King will work with the Board to advertise for and interview prospective candidates. Martin suggested that Historical Society members Dana Green and Elizabeth Dornik be approached as possible candidates as they both share an intense interest in Canton's history and both are attorneys.

Adjourn:

Motion by Martin, supported by Dionne to adjourn at 7:55p p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Next meeting is planned for February 3, 2021