
**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2017

Pittsfield Township Administration Building
6201 W. Michigan Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ferguson, LeClair, Richards, Scribner, Wall

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Harwood, Paas

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum

Chair Wall called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Roll Call

All present except Commissioners Harwood and Paas

4.0 Open Meetings Act/Public Comment

Under the Open Meetings Act, any person may come forward at this time to address the Commission. Anyone who wishes to speak is requested but not required to state his/her name and address for the record.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner LeClair, supported by Commissioner Scribner to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6.0 Approval of Minutes for February 1, 2016

Motion by Commissioner Scribner, supported by Commissioner LeClair to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Scheduled Guests

Kara Kozma, a student at Huron High School, and Kristin Kozma attended as guests.

8.0 Expenditures Reports

Commissioner Scribner discussed the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending April 30, 2017.

9.0 Officers Reports

9.1 Cobblestone Farm Annual Meeting, April 9, 2017, 2 p.m.

Chair Wall announced the Cobblestone Farm Annual Meeting on April 9, 2017 at 2 p.m. Ed Wall will give a presentation titled *Malletts Creek Settlement: Eleven Days in June*.

9.2 1836 Map that was donated is really an 1856 Map

Chair Wall discussed the 1836 map that was donated to the Historic District Commission is dated incorrectly. The Map is an 1856 map. There are landmarks and other buildings, such as Stone School, on the map that were built later than 1836.

Commissioner Scribner will research the insurance coverage policy for the map.

10.0 Member Reports

10.1 Archives

The archivist, Ann Simpson, is continuing to organize the Sutherland-Wilson papers.

10.2 Sutherland-Wilson Farm

Commissioner Scribner has asked Parks & Rec to check on the barn door at the farm. The door was lifted from its track during the windstorm.

10.3 Progress on SWF Kitchen Repairs-Beam

There are no updates at this time.

11.0 Old Business

11.1 Harwood Historic District Report-gathering in all old reports

Chair Wall requested all old copies of the Harwood Heritage Farm Final Report to be gathered and replaced with the new Final Report that includes the additional material.

11.2 Response Inventory of Historic Property/Building Update

Chair Wall has asked Ina Hanel-Gerdenich to submit a proposal of the cost to update the 2008 Inventory and Analysis of Historic Resource Surveys. Ms. Hanel-Gerdenich projects to submit a proposal in the fall.

11.3 Bricks for Revolutionary War Soldiers

Chair Wall reported that the bricks for the Revolutionary War Soldiers have been ordered. There are two 8x8 bricks, one inscribed *Pittsfield Township Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots*, and the second brick inscribed *Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution amor patriae*.

There are eight 4x8 bricks honoring the Revolutionary War Soldiers: Archibald Armstrong, Claudius Britton, Sr., Josiah Cutler, Mason Hatfield, John Terhune, Sarah Vreeland Terhune, Samuel Waldron, and Benjamin J. Woodruff, Sr.

The Pittsfield Charter Township Historical Society and the DAR, along with donations received, will pay for the bricks and inscriptions.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Follow-up on 2857 Packard Property- formerly in Pittsfield Township

Chair Wall discussed the property at 2857 Packard Road, near Cobblestone Farm, as being one of the last remaining Greek revival homes, built approximately between 1849-1852. The property has 7.6 wooded acres and is one of the first houses built in Malletts Creek Settlement, in Pittsfield Township.

Chair Wall contacted Robert Weber, the owner of the property, to gain permission to enter and document the property for historical preservation. Her request was denied. The property has been sold to a developer, Peters Building and MCI Civil Engineers, but the home remains for sell for \$65,000.00.

There is a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 with local historians to discuss the possibility of raising funding to purchase the home and relocate it to Buhr Park or Cobblestone Farm for the purpose of historical preservation. The home is a Malletts Creek Settlement house and would remain in the Malletts Creek area.

13.0 Next Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Ferguson, supported by Commissioner Richards to move the next meeting from Wednesday, June 7, 2017 to Monday, June 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

14.0 Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Richards to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED