
**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BYRD CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE
REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 6, 2021
Pittsfield Township Administration Building
6201 W. Michigan Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonenberger, Hanel-Gerdenich, Paas, Scribner, E. Wall,
M. Wall

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Hunter, LeClair, Richards

OTHERS PRESENT: Kimberley Johnson

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum

Chair Hanel-Gerdenich called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

2.0 Roll Call and Announcement of Location

Members Present: Bonenberger (Meeting Remotely at Pittsfield Township)
Hanel-Gerdenich (Meeting Remotely at City of Ann Arbor)
Paas (Meeting Remotely at Pittsfield Township)
Scribner (Meeting Remotely at Pittsfield Township)
E. Wall (Meeting Remotely at Pittsfield Township)
M. Wall (Meeting Remotely at Pittsfield Township)

Members Absent: Hunter, LeClair, Richards

3.0 Moment of Silence to replace Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hanel-Gerdenich led the Committee in a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

4.0 Adoption of Electronic Meeting Procedures

Motion by Member Scribner, Supported by Vice Chair Paas to adopt the Electronic Meeting Procedures.

MOTION CARRIED

5.0 Open Meetings Act/Public Comment

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

6.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Vice Chair Paas, supported by Member E. Wall to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2021

Motion by Member Scribner, supported by Vice Chair Paas to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Scheduled Guests

None

9.0 Expenditures

None

10.0 Officer Report

Chair Hanel-Gerdenich presented a Power Point on the Byrd home and property, detailing the history of ownership; the architecture and style of the home; and the 19th and 20th century history of the property.

11.0 Old Business

Vice Chair Paas reported that he measured the Byrd home on April 5, 2021 and will need to get additional measurements.

Member Bonenberger reported that he and his students photographed the Byrd home and property on April 5, 2021. They discussed the historical significance of the property, the significance of the National Register of Historic Places, and the significance of the Byrd era and story.

Member Scribner reported that she will obtain a deed of the Byrd property to provide for the Report.

Member M. Wall reported that she provided assessment data to Chair Hanel-Gerdenich.

12.0 New Business

Vice Chair Paas spoke about the effect that the I-94 expressway had on the Byrd property and the surrounding community. He suggested including the history of Sunny Pastures and the Mosely school and children in the Byrd Center Historic District Study Report.

Member M. Wall stated that David Byrd taught at Washtenaw Community College and suggested there may be more historical information about him on file at the Washtenaw Community College Library.

Chair Hanel-Gerdenich asked each of the Committee members to write a biography for the Report.

13.0 Next Meeting

1 June 2021, 10:30am (Virtual)

Motion by Vice Chair Paas, supported by Member E. Wall to change the meeting time from 9:00am-10:30am to 10:30am to 12:00pm for the remaining scheduled meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

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13.0 Adjournment

Motion by Vice Chair Paas, Supported by Member M. Wall to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED