

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

**MEETING MINUTES OF
February 5, 2020**

Roll Call:

Members Present: Scott Beutner, Dave Curtis, JoAnn Dionne, Kathy Martin,
Member Absent: Steve Foley, Joan Lager
Staff Present: Gregg King
Guests: Bill Tesen

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Dionne, supported by Buetner to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Dionne, supported by Curtis to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

Committee Reports:

I. Historical Society

Society is having a volunteer work on installing Past Perfect on their computer. Discussed the thought of the possible donation of the Canton Club Bar sign as a donation possibility. It has been identified as one of the longest running businesses in Canton and that saving the sign might be a good option should the owner ever wish to update the sign. King has reached out to the Bar for a discussion. Society held their elections of Officers. Society discussed putting together an elections display that could be “pitched” to the Clerk’s office for display during the election period this year. Martin and Curtis are going to put together proposal so we can present the opportunity.

II. Buildings and Grounds

Discussion was had regarding the core samples taken for the new shelter being planned for Preservation Park and that the grade at the park would have to be changed possibly to accommodate the new structure. Discussed the cupola roof at the Museum.

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III. Education

Reported that there was a “Operating a Museum Store” training available on 2.7.2020.

IV. Development

Nothing was discussed

V. Legal

Nothing to report

Old Business:

I. Cherry Hill School Exterior Project

The report is still pending.

II. Commissioner Vacancy Discussion

There will be a meeting set up to interview Mr. Bill Tesen for consideration to fill the vacant position. The interview should take place in the next week or so.

III. Historic Building Documentation

Discussion was had regarding the project. Google Earth photos have proven to be difficult to use as there is often too much foliage is present. Discussion was had indicating that spring might prove to be a good time to drive to all the locations and take requisite photos of the buildings identified.

IV. Discuss pavilion and Drainage Update meeting

Discussed in building and grounds.

V. Fire Truck Preservation Discussion

Discussion was had regarding the need to have the initial meeting and that a meeting was set up for the week of the 10th of February.

New Business:

I. 6205 North Ridge Road, Owners Concerns (Motion to move this item up in agenda by Dionne, Seconded by Martin)

Mr. Paul Mersino, owner of the above noted property came to discuss his concerns he is having with DTE and Canton Township with a road project that includes the replacement of power poles. Mr. Mersino asked to what extent the Commission could have a part in the discussions regarding the planned improvements. The Commissioners indicated that because the proposed activity was not on the actual property of Mr. Mersino, that the Commission did not have purview over such

matters. Mr. Mersinio indicated that based upon his reading of the local ordinance, and federal information from the Department of the Interior that he does believe the Commission would have purview. King indicated that he had occasion to take a representative from the State Historic Preservation Office S. Alan Higgins, to the property previous to this meeting to discuss the concern and it was confirmed that because the improvement did not involve the historic parcel that the Commission did not have purview over the concern as well. Mr. Mersino stated that he felt very hopeful that his discussions with DTE were going well and that he and DTE would likely reach a compromise in the near future but that he had wanted to explore his options. Mr. Mersino asked if there was anything that the Commission could do such as submitting a statement regarding the project. King indicated that the scope of the Commission involved Certificates of Appropriateness Applications and Notices to Proceed Applications and that because the placement of the lines was such that they were not proposed to be on the property, or touch the house, neither of the aforementioned processes seemed applicable.

II. Michigan Historic Preservation Network Survey

King discussed with the Commission that this year's report had already been sent to the State and that he had occasion to discuss the CLG status of Canton. S. Alan Higgins indicated that Canton was in good standing with the State. King stated that the discussion went very well and was interested in interacting more with the Coordinator on future projects.

Adjourn:

Motion by Buetner, supported by Dionne to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.