

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

**MEETING MINUTES OF
April 3, 2019**

Roll Call:

Members Present: Scott Beutner, Kathy Martin, Dave Curtis, Steve Foley, Ralph Welton,
JoAnn Dionne
Member Absent: None
Staff Present: Gregg King
Guests: Elizabeth Dornik (Historical Society President)

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:

Motion by Dionne, supported by Martin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Foley, supported by Dionne to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 Meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

Committee Reports:

I. Historical Society

Nothing to Report

II. Buildings and Grounds

Discussion regarding the regrading and distribution of stone for a parking area north of the driveway at Preservation Park. Discussion on exterior work on Cherry Hill School and Museum. Discussion on floor refinishing at Cherry Hill School. Discussion on the exterior of the Palmer shed and the need for there to be an exterior painting. Also discussed the future of the area which include the construction of a shelter with restrooms.

Discussion on 50325 Cherry Hill Road House. Building is up for sale and Mr. Curtis has submitted very thorough information to the commission to update the National Register Nomination for this house as new information has been discovered calling some points from the original submission into question. The SHPO was contacted and upon their request the information was forwarded to

them so they could move forward with updating the National Register information on this property.

III. Education

Discussion was had regarding the CAMP training that was put on by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions in Ypsilanti recently which was attended by Joanne Dionne and Gregg King. Reference material from that seminar was distributed to all commissioners via email and printed to be retained in Township files for future reference.

Michigan Historic Preservation Network yearly convention is May 16, 17 and 18 in Holland Michigan. Mr. King will be attending and has invited any other commissioner to sign up as well. Deadline to register is May 8.

Discussed the opportunity of the U.P. Historical Conference and made that information available.

Discussed the upcoming opportunities that this commission will have and that Staff will be forwarding, on an ongoing basis information and training materials relative to the roles and responsibilities of the Historic District Commission. Initially a pamphlet titled "Code of Ethics for Commissioners" will be distributed.

IV. Development

Nothing to report

V. Legal

Nothing to report

Old Business:

I. Upcoming Training Opportunities/Toolkits and Wheelhouses

Discussed in Education above. Welton may be able to attend and will let us know.

II. Ordinance Clarification on Commission Membership and Officers

Discussed the open position of Secretary of the Commission. No members have agreed to take that on.

III. HDC Photo Documentation Discussion / Sears Houses

Commissioner Curtis has sent some photos to Staff of the Old Pizza Hut, The Skatin Station and Roman Forum that could be a start of the photographic documentation that has been previously discussed. Discussed what could be done and that with all photos a brief description of the property would be helpful. Discussed the need to also take photos of structures like the geodesic house in Canton. Talked about the possibility of going on social media and soliciting photos from residents. Discussed also the need to scan in old photos and do what can be done to enhance the photos.

Discussion was also had concerning the opportunity that Canton Leisure Services Cable Division would like to engage the Historical Society and HDC with. They would like to start a once a month Heritage based show on the history of Canton.

Further conversations will be had and involvement from Commission and Society members will be necessary.

IV. Report on Potential Candidates for Commissioner Position

There was only one candidate that applied for the position. As in the previous month's meeting we discussed Mrs. Lager's previous government experience, Historic District Commission exposure and experience and lifelong residency in Canton which does make her an excellent option for the position.

V. Follow up on CLG Report

Nothing to report. Nothing from the State has been received.

New Business:

I. Nomination of Joan Lager to the Historic District Commission

Motion made by Foley, seconded by Curtis to approve the application of Joan Lager for Historic District Commissioner. Unanimously approved. Staff to contact the Supervisors office so a Board Action can be done.

Adjourn:

Motion by Welton, supported by Dionne to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.