

Sparta Township Historical Commission
Historical Commission Research Center
72 North Union Street Sparta, MI,49345
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the Commission Present: Jaime Brooks, Doug Pinckney, Robert Cumings, Roxanne Claxton, Dale Bergman, Jim Tuinstra,

Members of the Commission Absent: JoAnne VanderWerff, Keith Anderson, Bob Liscombe

Friends of the Commission Present: Larry, Bonnie R

Minutes: Motion to Approve the minutes from the March 4, 2025, meeting, by Robert Cumings, Second by Dale Bergman, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Bob L-N/A	Joanne VW- N/A
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – N/A	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Financials: Not Available

Committee Reports

Notables: Committee will be meeting April 15, 2025, to further discuss possible Notables. Saturday November 1, 2025, 2-4pm at the Sparta Civic Center will be the event.

Donations:

Kristy Cumings has been making progress entering items into past perfect.

Foot locker and metals are a donation from Arnold Schaffer

Town and Country:

Sign for the Grand Marshall vehicle, Tim Driscoll has them.

Maintenace:

Doug Pinckney has purchased a new American Flag to replace the worn one at the Myer Museum. There is a new lock on the Veterans Museum, and the Township is seeking bids for a new furnace at the Myer School Museum.

Old Business:

Motion to have a float in the Sparta Town and Country Day parade by Robert Cumings, Second by Roxanne Claxton, Motion Approved.

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Bob L-N/A	Joanne VW-N/A
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – N/A	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

New Business:

Robert Liscombe has submitted a letter of resignation to the board.

Larry Carter has inquired on the Commissions behalf about hiring Anna Aune to clean the research center, and possible future cleaning of both museums. Commission will provide a list of what needs to be done, Motion to proceed of the possible hiring of Anna Aune to clean Research Center and Museums by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Bob L-N/A	Joanne VW-N/A
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – N/A	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

12 New archival boxes were purchased to store the Sparta High School Yearbooks

The Ridge Consortium will meet at Wright Township on Monday April 7, 2025

Larry Carter from the Friends Group presented the Commission with the idea of revising the Sparta Young Historian group. This group will now include a memorial scholarship opportunity thanks to Vern Pierson. Vern donated \$20,000 to the Friends group. The Friends will eventually double this amount. Using \$1,500 a year to give to a High School Graduate, that has been involved in the Young Historian Group and has volunteered for 100 hours. This will be open to Algoma Christian and Homeschooler. For the 2025-2026, and the 2026-2027 School Years, the Friends group is asking the Historical Commission to Split the cost of the first two years of scholarship at \$750 each year This is contingent on interest and starting of the Young Historian Group. Motion to contribute \$750 for the next two school years with a total of \$1,500 towards the Memorial Scholarship by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Bob L-N/A	Joanne VW-N/A
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Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – N/A	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	
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Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May,6 2025, at 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Bob L-N/A	Joanne VW- N/A
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – N/A	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks