

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
 Historical Commission Research Center
 72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
 Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members of the Commission Absent:

Friends of the Commission Present: Bonnie R , Trevor, and Azuree from Homecooked Magazine

Minutes:

Motion to Approve minutes from the April 1,2025 meeting by Keith Anderson, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Vacant	
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B-Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Financial Report:

Motion to Approve Financial Report from March 2025 by Keith Anderson, Second by Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Vacant	
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B-Yes	Jim T- Yes	

April 2025 financials, Tables to May 2025 meeting

Committee Reports:

Notables- Next meeting is May 28. Finalizing list of inductees.

Donations/Archives- Kristy Cumings and Dylan Ryder continue working to enter items into Past perfect.

Maintenance/Garden- Waiting on bids for new furnace. Looking into the new flag light for the side of the museum. Parking lot divider for area under arch in parking lot.

Walking/ Driving Tour- Jim Tuinstra and Bob Cumings continue to work on the next book.

Old Business:

Town and Country Day. Grand Marshal float is almost done. Desks from the schoolhouse will be used; Sue Blackall will be at the front with riders. Signs have been recovered and will be on the float sides. Thanks to Doug Pinckney, Keith Anderson, and Roxanne Claxton for their work on the float.

Research center and Veterans Museum will be open following the parade.

New Business:

Roxanne Claxton has taken the donated year books and created the Wanda Posts collection.

Roxanne Claxton showed the newest donation. From Clark Bowman of California, his Great Grandfather was J.S. Clark. He was a minister at Englishville Baptist Church. The quilt is from his departure in 1892. The quilt has many local family names.

Homecooked magazine is working on a feature of the Apple Smorgasbord for its next issue. Trevor and Azuree are here to photograph items related to the Apple Smorgasbord.

Bonnie R and Roxanne Claxton have been working on organizing and scanning the family files and obituaries at the Genealogy Center.

Robert Cumings is working on a procedure and policy for donations and artifacts.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jaime Brooks, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	Vacant	
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B-Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03PM

Submitted by Jaime Brooks