

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission  
 Historical Commission Research Center  
 72 North Union Street Sparta, MI  
 Monthly Meeting  
 June 3, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 6:03pm  
 Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Members of the Commission Absent:** JoAnne VanderWerf

**Friends of the Commission Present:** Kathy P, Adele J, and Bonnie R.

**Minutes:** Motion to Approve the May 6, 2025, minutes by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

**Financial Report:**

Motion to Approve the balance of the general fund \$2,055.08, and the projects fund balance \$9,175.81 by Dale Bergman, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

**Old Business:**

Sparta Notables have been chosen. Work continues on gathering pictures and biographies. Motion to spend \$1,111.00 on the 2025 event, this includes half the cost for booklet, awards, posters, pictures and day of event supplies, other half will be spent by the Historical Friends by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

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Roxanne C –Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Thank you, Keith Anderson, for updating the window boxes.

Roxanne Claxton gave an update on the Englishville quilt. The quilt was made in 1894. She is researching the names on the quilt. She will work on the best way to clean and display the quilt.

Town and Country Day was a success. There were about 49 visitors to the School Museum after the parade. The Veteran Museum was also open. The float turned out wonderful.

**New Business:**

Bob Cummings went to the Greenville Museum to look at the information on Vivian Martin.

Sue Blackall found a document at the school museum. It was covered in mold and not in good shape, so she took it to Michaels and had it restored and framed.

Duane Bradford is checking with Meadowlark about planting a tree in memory of Jim Lyals

Bonnie R gave an update on scanning the obituary files. Long term goal is to have a searchable database.

Doug Pinckney met with the Village, Township, and DDA regarding the civic center.

Motion for the Sparta Township Historical Commission to endorse the continuing pursuit of exchanging the Research Center for the Civic Center including the moving of the memorial garden by Dale Bergman, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

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

Motion to Adjourn by Keith Anderson, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 6:00PM

Submitted by Jaime Brooks