

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission  
 Historical Commission Research Center  
 72 North Union Street Sparta, MI  
 Monthly Meeting  
 July 1, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 6:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Members of the Commission Absent:** Robert Cumings, Dale Bergman, JoAnne VanderWerff

**Friends of the Commission Present:** Bonnie R, Adele J

**Minutes:**

Motion to Approve the June 3, 2025 minutes by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra,  
 Motion Approved

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

**Old Business:**

Sparta Notables committee decided to add Ann Derck along with Bob Derck.

Simply Safe batteries need to be replaced. Alarm was triggered at the Veterans Museum, due to civic center rental opening door.

Cleaning of the Research Center will be scaled back to once per month.

Roxanne Claxton has been researching the names on the donated quilt. She is down to 15 names left out of 235

Duane Bradford gained permission from Meadowlark to plant a memorial tree for Jim Lyals.

Bonnie R gave update on Genealogy Center, still working on photo coping obituaries, and announcement files.

**New Business:**

Discussion of Civic Center vs Village Office.

Motion for the Sparta Township Historical Commission to share the cost of the use of equipment from Dan Salas, for the Memorial Day Ceremony, along with the Sparta Chamber, and Historical Friends. Cost will be \$200 from 2025 going forward, by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

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

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks