

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
Historical Commission Research Center
72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 5:59pm
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members of the Commission Absent: Jaime Brooks, JoAnne VanderWerff

Friends of the Commission Present: Adele J, Larry C, Bonnie R, and Anna

Minutes: Motion to Approve the September 2, 2025 minutes by Robert Cumings, Second by
Keith Anderson, Motion Approved

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

Not available for the meeting

Financial Report: Motion to Approve September 2025 report 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- N/A	Jim T- Yes	

Friends Report:

Larry Carter highlighted the 6 projects that the Historical Friends are working on.

1. Young Historians have 8 members
2. Annual fund raising letter was sent for 2025
3. Sparta Where We Once Lived, 350 printed copies will be available on October 26
4. Sparta Notables November 1
5. Dan Salas is working on the Agriculture video, with a debut of Spring 2026
6. Purchase of the Civic Center thanks to anonymous donors, The Village will retain \$200,000 for building maintenance, The Sparta Township Historical Commission will have use of part as a museum.

Old Business:

Discussion of Apple Fest

Doug Pinckney is making wood frames for Notable Honoree pictures.

Robert Cumings, working on organizing files

Need to scrap and recycle the old picture printer

New Business:

Sue Blackall is planning a Halloween event on October 31 at Myer School 3:30-6:30pm

Library Open House October 8, 2025

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:00PM

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
Joanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- N/A	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39Pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks