

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
 Historical Commission Research Center
 72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
 Monthly Meeting
 March 3, 2026

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: JoAnne VanderWerff

Friends of the Commission Present: Barb Johnson, Larry Carter, and Dan Salas

Minutes: The February 2026 minute were read by Robert Cumings, Motion to Approve by Keith Anderson, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Financial Report:

General Fund Balance is \$3,842.68

Project Fund Balance is \$7,310.41

Motion to Approve Financial Report by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

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

Historical Friends Report:

Larry Carter gave update future of the civic center space for future museum. A suggestion of hiring a museum consultant to help with future layout of a museum. The commission will re visit this idea in the future. The commission will meet on Friday March 13 to start discussion of future museum. The commission will go to the Sparta Township board for renting the space and the continued rental of the Veterans Museum space.

Dan Salas gave an update of projects he is working on including a video about the railroad for the future building space in the square. The Ridge agriculture video will be done in the fall of 2026

Committee Reports:

School house museum sign is rotting. The slot on the sign needs to be made bigger.
Thanks to Dale Bergman for wood donation Doug Pinckney will be making more picture frames.

Robert Cumings talked to his Brother Dave and Liz Mores about the railroad depot. The West Michigan Railroad has disbanded. The Alma and buildings belong to the Village. The village does not want the building. The caboose will go to Coopersville. Some items will be on display in the new building in town square, some items might come to the historical commission.

Old Business:

Quilt show at Myer Museum will be held on Friday March 6 and Sunday March 8. All the quilts are hung and ready to view.

New Business:

Town and Country days 2026 May 13-16.

Motion to Approve Bill Taylor as Grand Marshall by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved- Keith Anderson Abstain

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

Float will be made to have Grand Marshall in the parade. Thank you Keith Anderson for the use of trailer and tractor.

Research Center will be open on Saturday May 16 12-2pm. Hot coca and cookies will be provided.

Veterns Museum will be opened on Saturday May 16 12-2pm
Myer School Museum will be opened on Saturday May 16 2-5pm

Keith Anderson talked about submitting a grant to the Michigan History Aliance.

Motion to Approve Barb Johnson to be added as a Sparta Township Historical Commissioner by Jaime Brooks, Second by Roxanne Claxton, Motion Approved.

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

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00PM

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks

