

Minutes
Sparta Township Historical Commission
Historical Research Center
February 3, 2026

Commissioners in attendance: (Chair) Doug Pinckney, Dale Bergman, Jim Tuinstra, Keith Andersen, b.c. cumings. Absentees: Joanne VW., Roxanne C., Jaime B.

Chairman Pinckney called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. No financial report was received.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: Work on alterations to Civic Center building have begun and are progressing well, as allowed by the remaining presence of the current renter: City Church. Upon their departure more can be carried out. Future flooring and wiring issues will require special measures which will be discussed in future meetings.

No other committee reports were presented or discussed. (The Artifacts/Archival reorganization efforts are temporarily on hold, pending decisions on how we will proceed with efforts on the museum.)

Old Business:

Jim Tuinstra met with the young historians and work on another booklet has begun as well as work on an addendum to the Football book. Jim expressed appreciation for the willingness to work on the part of the students as well as for the cooperation fo Print Metro in working on current projects.

New Business:

Commission reviewed an email from Elizabeth Morse (Downtown Development Association Director) concerning the shed that sits near the Office entrance to the Civic Center building. The Chamber of Commerce has offered some share of the usage of the building if it can remain at its present location. After some discussion it was decided by consensus that the building could remain as is for the time being and that no action needed to be taken.

Various other matters were discussed in brief including the money for young historian scholarships, need for planning & personnel for the new museum, budget requests for the year to come etc. It was agreed upon by consensus that we would request that our funding from the Township would remain at its current level and that no change would be needed.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:18 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner b.c. cumings
(acting scribe for the evening).