

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
 Historical Commission Research Center
 72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
 Monthly Meeting
 April 7, 2026

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm
 Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the Commission Present: Jaime Brooks, Doug Pinckney, Robert Cumings, Dale Bergman, Jim Tuinstra, and Barb Johnson

Members of the Commission Absent: Roxanne Claxton, Keith Anderson,

Friends of the Commission Present:
 Robert Whalen, Alex Colby, and Shannon Colby

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026 by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra. Motioned Approved

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

Financial Report:

General Fund Balance is \$7,422.13

Project Fund Balance is \$1,219.53

Motion to Approve the February 2026 financial report by Barb Johnson , Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

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

Old Business:

Update on new museum space, new flooring, thanks to Pinckney Services. Hot water heater and furnace will be moved. Rent will be \$750 per month. New electrical and drop ceiling is gone. Young Historians will set up tables to begin moving artifacts to the new space.

The Historical Commission will have a chili cook off benefit at the civic center May 15, 2026. Four categories, chili dinner and tasting bowls.

65 people attended the quilt show that was held at the Myer School Museum in March. Thanks to Sue Blackall for organizing.

Jim Tuinstra is meeting with Print Metro and the young historians to format the next tour book.

New Business:

Thank you to Alex Colby for completing a new flag box. Alex spent over 100 hours to design, make, and paint a flag collection box for his Eagle Scout project. The box will be located at the Veterans museum to collect old flags for proper removal. Motion to receive the box with the utmost gratitude by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	/acant	Barb J-Yes
Roxanne C – N/A	Keith A – N/A	Aime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Motion for Doc Freeland and the Celtic Festival to use the Sparta Township Historical Commission museum space for Celtic Festival accounting activities August 6-August 9 by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	/acant	Barb J-Yes
Roxanne C – N/A	Keith A – N/A	Aime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- Yes	Robert C- Yes	/acant	Barb J-Yes
Roxanne C – N/A	Keith A – N/A	Aime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks