

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
 Historical Commission Research Center
 72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
 Monthly Meeting
 May 5, 2026

Meeting Called to order at 6:03pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members of the Commission Absent: Barbara Johnson

Friends of the Commission Present: Larry Carter

Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting by Keith Anderson,
 Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Financial Report:

Thanks to Roxanne Claxton for providing a detailed report on how the commission has been spending the money.

General Fund balance as of April 30, 2026 is \$1,274.98

Project Fund balance as of April 30, 2026 is \$5,422.13

Motion to Approve Financial Report by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Friends of the Historical Commission Report: Larry Carter reported that Megan Daniels will be at the Research Center on

Friday May, 8 at 10:00am. Will move to all locations ending at the Myer School Museum around 12:00. She will then compile a plan.

The Young Historians will end their year with a tour of Brown's Opera House, and cleaning of the new museum floor. They met 24 times over the past school year. Larry Carter will talk to Fox 17 about the Lamoreaux Brothers and the Memorial Day ceremony.

Old Business:

Chili Cook-off has about 10 participants. Roxanne Claxton, put out yard signs to advertise. The cook-off will be pushed heavily on Facebook.

Thanks to Keith Anderson for providing a wagon to use as a float. The banner will be on the back. Flags will decorate the float for the 250 America celebration. Veterans will be on the float. The Research Center, and Veterans Museum will be open May 16 12-2:00pm, The Myer School Museum will be open May 16 . 2-5:00pm.

The Veterans museum was cleaned thanks to Doug Pinckney and Roxanne Claxton. The signs from the Variety store will be hung on the wall of the new museum space. Thanks to Barbara and Randy Johnson for installing new smoke detectors in the school museum. Kristy Cumings is looking up Sparta related railroad items and pictures to copy for the new display at the new depot building.

Jim has taken the driving tour book to Print Metro. Historical Friends will pay for the publishing.

New Business:

Will need to check with the Township about who is up for annual renewal of commission seat.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday June 2, 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	Barbara J -N/A	Vacant
Roxanne C -- Yes	Keith A -- Yes	aime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks