

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
Historical Commission Research Center
72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
Monthly Meeting
June 2, 2026

Meeting Called to order at 6:02pm
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: Barbara Johnson

Friends of the Commission Present:

Minutes: Motion to Approve the May 2026 Minutes by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Financial Report: General Fund Balance as of May 31, 2026 is \$1,015.24
Project Fund Balance as of May 31, 2026 is \$2,430.92
Motion to table approval until questions are answered regarding the April 2026 quarterly payment not being shown as a deposit, by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Old Business:

Recap of Sparta Town and Country Days. The chili cook off had 6 participants, 5 canceled before the event. The Commission received \$410 in donations, \$100 from Ballards Church for a total of \$510. The Commission made a profit of \$300 after \$200 in supplies and supplies for the previous quilt show.

Due to a scheduling error there was no one to open the School house museum. 25 visitors to the Research center and 30 visitors to the Veterans museum. The float was a great success. It was staffed with veterans and families.

Thank you Keith Anderson for the update to the flower boxes.

Thanks to Doug Pinckney, Roxanne Claxton, Kristy Cumings, Jim Skuletty, and Mike Metzger for giving the Veterans museum a good cleaning.

Donation of Military items from Gail Taylor's son.

New Business:

The Sparta Township reappointed Doug Pinckney, Jaime Brooks,, Rober Cumings, and Roxanne Claxton for new terms expiring in 2029. Jim Tuinstra, and Keith Anderson to 2027.

The Commission will ask the township what the rules are for public meeting postings.

The Sparta Township has tabled the lease agreement approval until the June meeting for the new museum space. There was a question regarding event use, and access between the museum. Robert Cumings has been talking to Becky Southwell regarding the WWII letters of Norma and Clarence Chapman. He would like to scan them and eventually transcribe them.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday July 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	Barabara J-N/A	/acant
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks