

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
Historical Commission Research Center
72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
Monthly Meeting
July 7, 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, Barb Johnson, and Jim Tuinstra,

Members of the Commission Absent:

Friends of the Commission Present:

Minutes: Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Monthly Meeting June 2, 2026 and the Special Meeting on June 16, 2026 by Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved with correction

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

Financial Report:

General Fund Balance is \$1,015.24

Projects Fund Balance is \$2,430.92

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

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

Old Business:

Thank you Keith Anderson for the flower boxes.

Donation of Fire Canister, and large board of all the 1876 atlas home pictures.

Megan Daniels will be at the commission on July 11 to start the consulting process of the new museum space.

Motion to Approve the donation of the remaining Shirley Neff books “The Reluctant Swan” to the Sparta Township Library by Barb Johnson, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Motion to Approve The donation of the remaining copies of the Fred Meijer book, to the Sparta Township Library, and to Mel Trotter by Barb Johnson, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Discussion on possible display ideas for the new museum space.

Thanks to Jim Knauf’s grandson for helping move items

Carpet was cleaned, new hard flooring installed, and the furnace will be moved in 2027 in the new museum space

New Business:

Motion for Jim Tuinstra to apply for a grant from the Sparta Historical Friends in the amount of \$3,500 to print the Drivable Tour of Sparta Township books by Roxanne Claxton, Second by Barb Johnson, Motion Approved

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

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn by Barb Johnson, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks