

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES--REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020



W. Harless, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission to order at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, as well as a meeting conference call.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Azimi
Dennis Cebulski
Jack Dempsey
Kevin Gurtowsky
Wendy Harless
Sybil Hunter

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carol Souchock

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Bond, Assistant Planner
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary

2) APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2020 AGENDA

Members unanimously approved the agenda.

3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2020.

4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – There were none.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Demo without permits –*Jack Dempsey*

J. Dempsey informed members of the passage of Ordinance 1016, Amendment 26, by the Board of Trustees which deals with his concerns about having a proper demolition process. This ordinance provides for sanctions for unpermitted demolition.

D. Cebulski suggested the possibility of using the funds from the sanctions for historical purposes.

b) Sculptures at St. John’s –*Dennis Cebulski*

D. Cebulski reported on his research with Dale Carlson, co-author of “Carlotto Carducci, a Field Guide to Detroit’s Architectural Sculptures” concerning the sculptures done at St. John’s by Carducci. Also working with Carducci was Andrew Malia, a mosaic artist.

c) Rockwell Sculptures –*Wendy Harless*

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W. Harless reported on working with the Arts Council on how portions of the Rockwell Sculptures might be displayed.

6) OLD BUSINESS

a) Shearer Cemetery – *Wendy Harless*

1. No Dumping Signs were installed
2. Do we need an endowment fund for Shearer?
3. Jimmy continues with the clean up

W. Harless suggested the possibility of establishing a “Friends of” separate entity, that the commission might want to pursue. D. Cebulski suggested working through service clubs.

Also discussed was the possibility of Native Americans being buried at Shearer.

b) Historic Plaques – *Jack*

1. Check out these web sites:

<https://www.erialandmark.com/pricing/>
<https://franklinbronzeplaques.com/pricing>

J. Dempsey spoke about the possibility of having a marker at the triangle property as the Township tries to improve the property. He asked for permission for a sub-group to attempt to develop the details for a marker. He has interviewed Richard Sharland regarding the agricultural heritage and the plank toll road.

Moved by C. Azmi and supported by S. Hunter to allow for the formation of a subcommittee to develop a proposal for a marker on the agriculture and transportation heritage that would be located at the triangle property. Ayes all.

c) Dedication ceremony for the State historical marker review – *Jack Dempsey and Wendy Harless*

It was agreed that the ceremony was attended by many and went very well. Thanks to the efforts of J. Dempsey in obtaining it, the marker is now in a prominent place in front of Township Hall.

d) Historic Resources Survey – *Wendy Harless*

Additional discussion will follow at future meetings.

e) Tourism brochure

Going with 11 x 17 size to be folded in quarters. Letter to homeowners needs to be inviting.

f) Plymouth Township History factoids for the Township Newsletter—*Wendy Harless*

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There has been one in every newsletter so far. Need more, possibly something on Native Americans or plank road.

g) Joe Oldenburg talk review-*Wendy Harless*

It was agreed that the virtual presentation was well attended, informative and interesting. Possibilities for the future programs include something on Shearer Cemetery.

h) Review new logo mock ups—*Wendy Harless*

Samples of suggested logos were reviewed, with additional suggestions to be considered at the December meeting.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Hunter and supported by K. Gurtowsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Ayes all.

Wendy Harless

Wendy Harless, Chair
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