



**Meeting of the Plymouth Township Historic District Commission  
Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 7:00 pm**

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**Next Meeting date June 23, 2022**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT:            Colleen Azimi            Dennis Cebulski  
                         Zach Funk                Wendy Harless  
                         Sybil Hunter             Jack Dempsey

ALSO PRESENT     Laura Haw, Township Planner  
                         Denisa Terrell, Recording Secretary

**2) APPROVAL OF THE April 28, 2022 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by S. Hunter and supported by C. Azimi to approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting of April 28 along with February 24, 2022, meeting minutes for, 2022.

All Ayes.

Motion Passed.

**3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a) Approval of the February 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes

**4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**5) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

W. Harless shared a message from Mary Ann MacLaren of the Environmental Commission, that May 10, 2022, is Arbor Day, and Plymouth Township will have a Tree City presentation at Township Hall prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. The public is invited to come out and receive tree seedlings as well.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**

a) No new business

**7) OLD BUSINESS**

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- a) Shearer Cemetery – *Wendy Harless*
  - 1. Ground Penetrating Radar Update

The ground penetrating radar was conducted, but weather interfered with completion. W. Harless will provide updates with rescheduling.

There are three headstones by the bench that were placed there by Darrin Sylvester but the three people are not in Shearer Cemetery. Further research is ongoing. W. Harless shared the criteria to establish a historic district. D. Cebulski shared details of a book titled, “Cultural Artifacts-100 Things to do in a Cemetery” including the shapes of tombstones and the significance as well as the development of cemeteries.

It was also shared that there is an area of grass in the cemetery that was determined to be native prairie grass. U of M will be contacted to confirm.

- 2. Article in “The Rock”

There will be an article in The Rock referencing the work the HDC has completed in Shearer Cemetery.

- 3. Updates to the map

Wendy will catalog information from 6/4-6/18/22. She will also take pictures and reference grave sites.

- 4. Clean up April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

Everyone was invited out to clean up on April 30<sup>th</sup>. W. Harless requested that everyone bring their own tools.

- b) Historic Sites Brochure – *Wendy Harless*
  - 1. Updates.

Great feedback has been received concerning the brochure. It was also shared that Adobe has a feature so that the visually impaired can review online. The brochure will be added online.

- c) Updates on our 2020 home inventory – *Jack Dempsey*

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The 2020 Home Inventory is on Google Docs. It was noted to reference the February Board packet.

1. Wendy still working to add all of the homes from the George Robinson Subdivision.
2. Are we missing anything else?
  - d) Triangle Park marker – *Wendy Harless*

It was suggested the final verbiage for the Triangle Park Marker should be available for the June meeting so that the text can be completed. S. Hunter is still working on the verbiage about indigenous people. Plymouth was most likely the location of the fork for the Native American trail.

There is testimony from Aratus Hussies associated with the underground railroad. He was alive from 1800-1888. His work was involved with some underground people in Plymouth. More research is needed to identify locations that were apart of the underground railroad.

1. Ideas for location
  - e) Any new Plymouth Historic facts for the Township Newsletter?

## **8) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by C. Azimi and supported by D. Cebulski to adjourn the Historic District Commission at 8:12 p.m.

All Ayes.

*Wendy Harless*

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Wendy Harless, President

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