



**Historic District Commission**  
**Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Approved Minutes**

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Next Meeting date August 25, 2022

**1) CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.**

a) Roll Call

PRESENT:     Colleen Azimi       Zach Funk  
                  Wendy Harless       Sybil Hunter  
                  Jack Dempsey       Ben Eikey  
ONLINE:     Carol Souchock

ALSO PRESENT     Nanie Wolf, Township Planner  
                          Denisa Terrel, Recording Secretary

**2) APPROVAL OF THE June 23, 2022 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by C. Azimi and supported by S. Hunter to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of June 23, 2022 with an amendment to add the Court House Grille under old business.

Ayes all.

**3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a) Approval of the April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Moved by J. Dempsey and supported by C. Azimi to approve the minutes as amended of the regular meeting of April 28, 2022.

Ayes all.

**4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- W. Harless Inquired if it is possible to confirm if the Peacock House sold.
  
- J. Dempsey added comments as a matter of record due to his last meeting on the Historic District Commission (HDC). He indicated Plymouth Township is filled with history as there were those believed that the Historic District Commission would not serve as a greater purpose for



Plymouth Township. He emphasized that Phoenix Mill is an example of history and because of the Commissions' existence it continues as a viable entity that benefits the Plymouth Township community. J. Dempsey also emphasized that the state historic tax credit was reinstated in 2020 and he encouraged the Commission to get the word out to the residence of Plymouth Township. The applications for the tax credit are now being accepted. The gravity of the commission adds to the value of life to the citizens of the Township. He also encouraged incoming B. Eikey and all commission members to continue the good work.

- W. Harless thanked J. Dempsey on behalf of the Commission for the four years of service and emphasized his role in creating the ordinance that provided the origin to create the Historic District Commission. He will be missed.

#### **5) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nell Burk inquired about access to the York Street Cemetery. W. Harless provided history and advised to reach out to the City of Plymouth for the keys.

#### **6) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Welcome our new HD Commissioner—Ben Eikey  
B. Eikey was sworn in by Clerk Vorva. He indicated he is excited to be a part of the Historic District Commission. B. Eikey will not vote on action items until his first official meeting in August.

#### **7) OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Shearer Cemetery – *Wendy Harless*
  1. Clean up from April 30<sup>th</sup>

The clean up took place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There were student volunteers. The next clean up date will be scheduled at the August meeting.

2. Reading and documenting the head stones June 18<sup>th</sup>



The reading and documenting headstone dates will also be scheduled at the August meeting.

### 3. Updates to the map

There was discussion on the continued updating of the cemetery maps, noting where individuals are buried. It was also suggested that signage could be placed where individuals have been moved along with rare flowers.

### 4. We need another clean-up date

The Commission will determine the next clean up date in a future meeting.

#### b) Updates on our 2020 home inventory – *Wendy Harless*

1. Was anyone able to take photos of buildings we did not previously have in our inventory?

C. Azimi indicated because of foliage and trees she could not obtain good photos. She will try again in the fall.

2. Wendy still working to add all the homes from George Robinson Subdivision

C. Azimi identified a property on E. Ann Arbor Trail believed to be more than 50 years old. W. Harless will drive by the house on Beck north of Powell to capture a photo. Commissioner Azimi will capture a photo of the home at the corner of Joy and Beck.

J. Dempsey indicated to consider commercial buildings in the Township. An example of commercial structure is a furniture restoration business which is older than 50 years as well as the Durr Building.

3. Are we missing anything else?

#### c) Triangle Park marker – *Wendy Harless*

1. Ideas for location

There was discussion on placement of the park marker.



Moved by Z. Funk and support by S. Hunter to recommend placement of the historical marker at Triangle Park in the triangle that is in the south-central triangle area of the park along Ann Arbor Trail.

All Ayes of those present.

Motion Passed

Moved by C. Azimi and supported by Z. Funk to recommend placement of the Gazebo in the triangle of the north section of Triangle Park north of the historical marker.

2. Discussion of new info from Underground Railroad and Native American history.

3. Text for Marker

The Commission reviewed proposed text of the Native American Trail. It was determined to get permission to use images and text on the marker.

d) Info/update on 49000 N. Territorial Rd.

W. Harless and S. Hunter will go out to 49000 N. Territorial Road look at the building to determine the age of the structure. They will also reference other material to determine if the underground railroad stop existed in location.

e) Any new Plymouth Historic facts for the Township Newsletter?

There were no new facts for the Township newsletter.

f) Status of the Pursell Property

J. Dempsey gave an overview of the HCD part in acknowledging the Pursell property belonged to the longest serving congressman from Plymouth Township. The developer also agreed to give money to be used by the HCD.

g) Status of Court House Grille

Ms. Wolf advised the project is moving forward. J. Dempsey shared the original farm house still exist on the site and should be preserved. The current developer has not made the commitment to preserve the structure. There was also discussion on obtaining 360 video if placement does not take place, to preserve



the history. B. Eikey suggested possibly placing the video on You Tube if it can't be placed on the HDC's website.

### **8) ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by J. Dempsey and supported by C. Azimi to adjourn the meeting of the Historic District Commission at 9:16 p.m.

Ayes all.

*Wendy Harless*

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Wendy Harless, Chair



***The public is invited and encouraged to attend all meetings of the Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth***