



**Plymouth Township Historic District Commission  
Approved Minutes**

**Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting date February 23, 2023**

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**1) CALL TO ORDER**

a) Roll Call

PRESENT: Dennis Cebulski

Wendy Harless

Sybil Hunter

Ben Eikey

EXCUSED Colleen Azimi

Carol Souchock

ALSO PRESENT Supervisor Kurt Heise  
Nani Wolf, Township Planner  
Denisa Terrell, Recording Secretary

**2) APPROVAL OF THE December 8, 2022 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by W. Harless and supported by D. Cebulski to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of December 8, 2022.

Ayes all.

**3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a) Approval of the June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Moved by W. Harless and supported by B. Eikey to approve the consent agenda for the regular meeting of June 23, 2022.

Ayes all.

**4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

B. Eikey shared that he has a Podcast titled Oversight Matters. He would like to create a new podcast to share the history of Plymouth Township.

**5) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Nani Wolf shared that the Michigan Historic Preservation Network will hold a conference from May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 13, 2023 on Mackinaw Island and they also announced the acceptance of state and local grant applications on October 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 1, 2023.

## 6) NEW BUSINESS

### a) Update from Township Supervisor Kurt Heise

Supervisor Heise went over goals and updates of projects in which the Historic District Commission is involved including the Peacock House, Purcel House, and the new sign for Shearer Cemetery. He also shared information on an upcoming Bicentennial Commission as an opportunity to consider. Supervisor Heise also provided information on the MITC Corridor and history of the worse train wreck in the early 1900. He spoke about the possibility of a historic marker as a project goal.

### b) Vote to approve 2023 HDC Meeting Dates

February 23, 2023

April 27, 2023

June 22, 2023

August 24, 2023

October 26, 2023

December? — we need to select a date for 2023

Moved by S. Hunter and supported by B. Eikey to accept the dates from February 23 thru October 26<sup>th</sup> as meeting dates for the Historic District Commission.

Ayes all.

### c) Search for an Architect Member for the HDC

Due to Z. Funks' moving has opened a seat to the HDC. W. Harless will send Z. Funk an email to thank him for serving on the HDC.

### d) The Elks Project – *Dennis Cebulski*

D. Cebulski provided an update on the Elks project. He suggested that HDC start research as there will be a historical marker for the site that the developer will fund.

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## 7) OLD BUSINESS

### a) Shearer Cemetery – *Wendy Harless*

1. We read and tried to transcribe the stones. See attachment.

B. Eikey, W. Harless, C. Azimi, and S. Hunter looked at tombstones to complete the redraw of the map that includes names on the tombstones, the inscription, and flowers found in the area. W. Harless suggested the commission consider cleaning some of the tombstones as well as preservation methods. She emphasized a marble headstone that is weathering.

2. Duane Quates and Stacy Tchorzynski from the DNR say that they are still downloading and reviewing the data from their March visit. They will send us dates to return this fall and do more ground scanning with the ground penetrating radar.

B. Eikey suggested that there be a cleanup a week before the ground penetrating radar returns to complete.

### 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?

Photos are needed for the brick house by Pioneer as well as the house at 46627 Ann Arbor Road and Canton Center Road. Both homes were recently sold. W. Harless indicated she will try to get a photo. W. Harless emphasized if commissioners see a house not in the inventory take a snapshot.

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

1. I sent the Supervisor our recommendation for a location
2. Discussion of latest draft of text (see attachment)
3. Updates

The HDC discussed the only text is complete and the only task left to achieve would be to identify the title and photos for the Triangle Park marker. Richard Sharlon sent photos of his family turkey farm. The Commissioners talked about examples.

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

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S. Hunter and W. Harless visited the home. The home is one of the oldest in Plymouth Township with logs in the basement. The home owners were gracious in sharing history.

e) Fall Colors was October 9, 2022

The Fall Colors event was a success.

f) The tombstone of Ellen and Honora Nelligan

Tombstones were found during while being landscaped. The tombstones are from the 1860. The police were notified W. Harless shared the story of Ellen and Honora Nelligan. The mother and daughter were located on Ancestry.com. The research allowed the police to return the headstones to St. Patrick's Cemetery after deemed missing for forty years.

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

The newsletter is sent out electronically quarterly. B. Eikey contribute. He also shared that the podcast that can be shared in historic facts and would

## 8) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Cebulski and supported by S. Hunter to adjourn the meeting of the Historic District Commission at 8:41 p.m.

Ayes all.

*Wendy Harless*

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Wendy Harless, Chair