



**Plymouth Township Historic District Commission  
APPROVED MINUTES  
February 23, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

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The next meeting date is April 27, 2023

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

a) Roll Call

PRESENT: Colleen Azimi  
Dennis Cebulski  
Steven Bassett  
Wendy Harless  
Sybil Hunter  
Ben Eikey  
**Excused** Carol Souchock

The meeting was called to order with a roll call vote.

**2) APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Moved by C. Azimi and Supported by S. Bassett to approve the agenda of the Historic District Commission for the meeting of February 23, 2023.

All Ayes of Those Present

**3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

a) Approval of the December 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Moved by D. Cebulski and Supported by B. Eikey to adopt the Minutes of the Historic District Commission for December 8, 2022, as amended to include B. Eikey would like to create a new podcast to share Plymouth Township history in the member comment section of the minutes..

All Ayes of Those Present

**4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

W. Harless suggested December 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as possible dates for the Historic District Commission (HDC) to meet. W. Harless will



confirm the availability of dates and bring them back at the next meeting.

## **S) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

### **6) NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a) Introduction of appointed Commissioner -*S. Bassett***

S. Bassett shared his background including 45 years as an architect, a volunteer at the VA, and an English Language Partner helping people seeking asylum. He studied his own genealogy which led to travel including Salem. His work has contributed to historic preservations.

W. Harless indicated that the HDC is happy to have S. Bassett.

#### **b) Podcast proposal- *Ben Eikey***

##### **1. *See attached proposal***

B. Eikey proposed a podcast focused on Plymouth Township history. There was a discussion on the best method to inform the community of the podcast's existence. The Commission also discussed topics to present. Moved by C. Azimi and supported by S. Hunter to approve the pursuit of creating a podcast presenting Plymouth Township history.

All Ayes

**Motion Carried.**

The budget for the podcast will include five podcasts not to exceed \$1250. Moved by S. Bassett and supported by B. Eikey to approve a budget not to exceed \$1250 to produce a podcast with five episodes introducing Plymouth Township history, which aligns with the HCD mission to raise awareness of the Township history.

All Ayes

**Motion Carried.**

#### **c) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - *Wendy Harless***

W. Harless presented the HDC will spearhead the 200<sup>th</sup> Plymouth Township Anniversary Celebration. Supervisor Heise's vision is to have several celebrations throughout the Township on different dates. She shared that one of the desired locations to have the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be



Tibbitts Barn. The Board of Trustees will conduct a meeting dressed in apparel to match the 1827 era. There was also discussion on a Plymouth Township welcome sign as well as seeking sponsorship from local businesses for goods and services. An example of one of the sponsorships included ice cream. The HDC also discussed marketing plans for the event. The HDC was charged with inviting two or three people that would be interested in the project to attend the June 2023 meeting.

### 7) OLD BUSINESS

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

1. We need to set a Spring clean-up date.

The clean-up at Shearer Cemetery will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The high school student will be invited to return as well as other local scouting troops. S. Bassett's son is a native flower specialist and will help to stake the areas that should be avoided to preserve the rare flowers. The ground penetrating radar will be brought back to complete the survey.

#### b) Triangle Park marker- *Wendy Harless*

2. Review of the title "A Historic Community with Heart" Let's discuss other ideas for this title-*Wendy Harless*

W. Harless encouraged everyone to brainstorm to come up with titles for the Triangle Park marker as well as locate photos to be displayed on the double-sided marker. The goal is to represent authentic photos of Native American people as well as maps.

3. Discussion of the latest draft of the text  
(see attachment)

1. Updates on images to use

W. Harless shared the photos already collected. She shared the goal to is to finish images and photos soon.

#### c) Update on 49000 N. Territorial Rd.

The HDC has researched 49000 N. Territorial Road to link the location to the underground railroad. No documents were found to confirm the underground railroad's history. W. Harless did locate a plat map with history as well.

#### d) Any new Plymouth Historic facts for the Township Newsletter?

##### Cooper Corners

W. Harless shared the history of Cooper Corners to be shared



in the new Plymouth newsletter. She encouraged everyone to collect factoids to share in upcoming issues. C. Azimi suggested that the library history would be interesting. She also suggested the possibility of presenting the owners with a plaque as a historic property owner.

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by B. Eikey and supported by S. Bassett to adjourn the meeting of the Historic District Commission at 8:37 p.m.

*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**