

Plymouth Township Historic District Commission
Thursday, October 26, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
APPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

- a) Roll Call

Present:

Wendy Harless, Chair
Steven Bassett
Dennis Cebulski
Ben Eikey
Sybil Hunter
Carol Souchock

Excused:

Colleen Azimi

Also Present

Laura Haw, Planner
Denisa Terrell, Recording Secretary

2) APPROVAL OF THE October 26, 2023, CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by S. Bassett and supported by S. Hunter to approve the agenda for Regular meeting of October 26, 2023.

Ayes all

3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the August 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Moved by S. Bassett and supported by D. Cebulski to approve the agenda for Regular meeting of October 26, 2023.

Ayes all

4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Our email group historical-District@umich.edu is changing-
Dennis Cebulski

D. Cebulski

7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Podcast updates - *Ben Eikey*
 1. Intro to the HDC
 2. Salem Train Wreck
 3. Shearer Cemetery
 4. Should we start brainstorming other topics? How many do we want to produce per year?

B. Eikey suggested that the podcast production will start in a couple of weeks. The topics will include the Historic District Commission, Library, the Salem Train Wreck, Shearer Cemetery, and St. John's.

W. Harless suggested a podcast subcommittee as the podcast production will be ongoing between meetings. The subcommittee will include S. Bassett, C. Souchock, and B. Eikey.

- b) Fall Colors review - *Wendy Harless*

1. We got 1 cemetery clean-up volunteer!

The HDC was able to get a clean-up volunteer for the cemetery as a result of having a table at the Fall Colors event. MaryAnn Maclaren, Chair of the Environmental Leadership Commission (ELC) shared the post-event information with the HDC. She expressed that one of the contributors to lower attendance included bad weather.

- c) Shearer Cemetery - *Wendy Harless*

1. Fall clean-up review from Oct. 21

W. Harless shared that an unidentified tombstone was left at the cemetery. She suggested establishing a policy to handle future drop-offs as this is the the second drop-off tombstone. W. Harless asked the commission to consider a policy that would allow individuals to inform the commission that they have found a tombstone. The policy will allow for follow-up questions to assist with identifying the origin.

The commission established April 20th as a tentative date for the annual Spring clean-up for Shearer Cemetery.

d) Triangle Park marker - Wendy Harless

1. Review of the latest design proof.

There was a review of the latest design proof including possible photo images of Native Americans for the Triangle Park marker. It was suggested to check the current pricing for production.

M. Maclaren shared that the ELC is working with the high school to create two sculptures to be placed in Triangle Park. She also shared that a passive trial is at the forefront of the placement of the sculptures and native plants.

e) Reprinting our historic sites of Plymouth Township brochures. *Wendy Harless*

1. Updates to text. Who is taking which items to review?

W. Harless advised everyone to review information and communicate suggestions and corrections through email with a reply to all. The final decision to move to production will take place at the December 14th meeting. W. Harless shared that the brochure will be ADA-compliant on the website so that individuals who are impaired can enjoy it. S. Hunter agreed to contact Progressive Printing for updates.

f) Any new Plymouth historic facts for the Township newsletter?

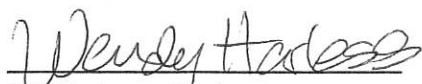
2. Present ideas- *Dennis Cebulski*

D. Cebulski shared that he researched 50 years ago and 100 years ago on Plymouth at the library and found information on various topics. He provided examples of tidbits of information that could be shared after his research such as 75 years ago the treasurer would collect taxes at a local store in the City of Plymouth. There was additional discussion on space and frequency in the newsletter to share the tidbits. It was decided to collect the information so that it is readily accessible.

8) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by S. Bassett and supported by S. Hunter to adjourn the meeting of the Historic District Commission at 8:20 p.m.

All Ayes



W. Harless, Chair