



Meeting of the Plymouth Township Historic District Commission
Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting date June 27, 2024 7:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
 - a) Roll Call

- 2) APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 25, 2024 AGENDA**

- 3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a) Approval of the February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- 4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 5) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 6) NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Do we want to apply American World War II Heritage Cities
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/worldwarII/americanheritagecity.htm>

- 7) OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) Our new Google email group, update on using this – *Dennis Cebulski*
 - b) Podcast updates — *Ben Eikey*
 1. We are on the Township home page!
 - c) 200th Anniversary – *Wendy Harless*
 1. Website timeline. How are we doing with finding images/dates.
Should we break up the list? See attachment.
 - d) Shearer Cemetery — *Wendy Harless*
 1. Spring Cleanup April 20, 2024 review.
 2. Draft a policy for returning head stones.
 - e) Triangle Park marker — *Wendy Harless*
 1. When do we want to hold a dedication ceremony? Updates on install.
 - f) Any new Plymouth historic facts for the Township newsletter?

- 8) ADJOURNMENT**

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



**Plymouth Township Historic District Commission
Proposed Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

1) CALL TO ORDER

a) Roll Call

PRESENT: Wendy Harless Colleen Azimi
 Dennis Cebulski Ben Eikey
 Carol Souchock

Excused: Steven Bassett
 Sybil Hunter

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

2) APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by S. Bassett and supported by C. Souchock approve the Consent Agenda of the Historic District Commission for the meeting of February 22, 2024.

3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the December 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Moved by S. Bassett and supported by C. Souchock approve the Consent Agenda of the Historic District Commission for the meeting of February 22, 2024.

4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

C. Souchock suggested nominating through application Plymouth Township for the American World War II Heritage City Program. The program acknowledges its contribution to WW II.

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Set Goals for 2024

Nominating Plymouth Township for the American World War II Heritage City Program was suggested by C. Souchock



W. Harless suggested researching the house located at 49000 North Territorial Road. An interview is already scheduled. The end result will identify why the house is important to Plymouth Townships' history as well as give the owners a plaque.

Update and expand the Historic District Commission (HDC) booklet.

Starting the work on the 200 Bicentennial of Plymouth Township and possible cost. B. Eikey suggested gathering information on businesses that are 50 years old or older. B. Eikey offered his time to engage the interest of township residents as well. W. Harless suggested highlighting Plymouth Township residents who have lived in the township for a long time.

C. Souchock indicated the subcommittee for the podcast talked about completing transcriptions of the podcast that would be posted on the HDC webpage as another goal to consider.

D. Cebulski suggested exploring the history of churches and schools.

Four podcasts for 2024.

Dedication ceremony for the installation of the historic marker.

C. Azimi suggested increasing the marketing of the HDC through podcasts and the webpage.

7) OLD BUSINESS

a) Set meeting dates for 2024

- 1. The October meeting may be in the upstairs conference room due to early voting in the national election.**

Due to elections, other dates are being considered. It was suggested to consider the conference room on the 2nd floor which worked well in a previous meeting.

- 2. December 19, 2024, will be the meeting date for the HDC.**

b) Our new Google email group, update on using this – *Dennis Cebulski.*



D. Cebulski has reactivated the original email. Bob Janks is still working on establishing an email group.

c) Podcast updates — *Ben Eikey*

1. Intro to the HDC, Shearer Cemetery, St. Johns – all available for everyone to listen to now on the Township's HDC page.

The Plymouth Township E-Newsletter will be the introduction to the podcast to include Jack Dempsey and the Shearer Cemetery.

2. 49000 North Territorial interviews set for February 29, 2024.

The interview will be centered around the family that lived in the home and the Art Attic.

3. Salem Train Wreck podcast

Scheduling interviews with Joe Oldenburg as well as an individual from the Michigan Railroad Association.

4. Cost so far: we have spent \$483 of our \$1250

Cost is coming in under budget. A new budget is to be established by July 2024.

C. Souchock shared that the Plymouth Rotary Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary. They had added cost with writing a book. Look at what added cost may come up with the podcast.

d) 200th Anniversary – *Wendy Harless*

1. Website timeline. Discuss each person's two ideas for the timeline.

There was brainstorming with suggestions of naming the township, establishing public safety, education, and historic events were some of the ideas.

e) Shearer Cemetery — *Wendy Harless*

1. Spring Clean-up April 20, 2024 time?

Spring clean-up will take place at 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2024.

Planner Haw shared a map of Shearer Cemetery with property boundaries.

2. We need to draft a policy for returning headstones.



No other city or township nearby has an established policy for returning a headstone. W. Harless will start a draft of the policy.

f) Triangle Park marker — Wendy Harless

1. We will be using funds from the Wayne County Parks millage to fund the historic marker.

It was confirmed the funds for the maker will come from the Wayne County Parks millage.

2. I met with the owner of Spectrum Signs and they are working to produce our marker.

The maker will be located by the butterfly garden and flower garden in the triangle.

3. When do we want to hold a dedication ceremony? They said they can install it as soon as March.

The dedication ceremony date will take place this summer.

g) Reprinting our historic sites of Plymouth Township brochures. —
Wendy Harless

1. Progressive has our files
2. The Supervisor approved printing 250 copies

Each commissioner of the HDC will take brochures to distribute. The online version is still being updated.

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

November 11, 1975, Plymouth Township asked for a ban on hunting east of Ridge Road.

July 12, 1956, Burrows Building Company opposed annexation to Plymouth City.

December 2, 1932, there was a discussion between Plymouth City and Plymouth Township on how to divide funds.

1954 The Township trailer park had to go to court as the Township did not want it.

The Plymouth Mail suggested a combination of Township and City at the Civic Center in 1957.

December 12, 1941, made machine guns for our boys in service.

Community Cryer researched the underground railroad stop in Plymouth. No evidence was found that it existed.

8) ADJOURNMENT



Moved by B. Eikey and supported by D. Cebulski to adjourn the Historic District Commission at 8:30 PM

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Plymouth Township 200th Anniversary Highlight list:

1. Native Americans here for thousands of years
2. People of European descent arrive in the area
3. 1824 first European burial at Shearer
4. 1827 naming of Plymouth in Tibbet's barn (find exact date)
5. Northville Lumber established
6. First postmaster
7. John Shearer goes to Congress/elected
8. Canton splits off
9. Graye's Greenhouse opens as name??
10. Northville splits off
11. Plymouth Plank Road
12. Residents enlisted in Civil War
13. Carding Mill built at Gunsolly
14. Luther Lincoln's mill
15. Inter Urban
16. Alter car factory
17. Evan Products
18. Township Hall moved
19. City of Plymouth splits off
20. Township becomes at Charter Township
21. Governor Swansen elected
22. Carl Pursell elected
23. Burroughs established
24. Phoenix Mill
25. Opening of Hines Drive/First rest area in the country
26. First school opens
27. DeHoCo
28. PCEP opens

Plymouth Township HDC 2024 Goals

1. WWII Heritage Cities Application
2. Research 49000 North Territorial
3. Update and expand our historic sites brochure
4. List of our oldest businesses
5. 4 new episodes of the Podcast- and transcribe them all
6. Press release for the podcast
7. Installation of our historic marker in Triangle Park and dedication ceremony