

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CHERRY HILL SCHOOL
50040 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48188**

**MEETING MINUTES OF
October 2, 2019**

Roll Call:

Members Present: Scott Beutner, Dave Curtis, Steve Foley, JoAnn Dionne, Joan Lager, and
Kathy Martin
Member Absent: None
Staff Present: Gregg King
Guests: None

Call to Order:

Once a quorum was assembled, Chairperson - Steve Foley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Foley, supported by Lager to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Foley, supported by Dionne to approve the amended minutes of the Sept 4, 2019 Meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

Committee Reports:

I. Historical Society

The Historical Society Brews Brats and Bands at the Barn was held and had a sold out crowd for the first time. Mr. Curtis mentioned that there are three board positions up for election in the Society. The Holiday Tea will be held at the Bartlett Travis House on 12/7. The Society received a Centennial Farm sign from the houses next to Fire Station 2 that will soon be demo'd so to allow the construction of the new fire station. The Geddes Road historical marker had to be reordered as the one originally shipped had incorrect wording. The Society received a donation of the two signs from Mary's Farm Market which is now closed. The Society received a donation of the Hasselback/Ballou family picture album. The Historical Museum will be closing for the season October 26th and the Barn will close on the 13th.

II. Buildings and Grounds

Staff discussed the fact that several trees around Cherry Hill School had been cut down as they were too close to the building and was in part causing damage to the

building. Staff also discussed the preliminary walk through that was done with Mannik Smith Group and the State Historic Preservation Office Rep and that the information discussed at that meeting has changed the focus of the building assessment from strictly the Stucco to more of an overall condition assessment. Overall it was said that the school was in good shape.

III. Education

Staff distributed a three page paper that identified the Historic District Commission Mission Statement and Description of Duties. Discussion is deferred until November 6 meeting. Staff will re-send this sheet to the HDC.

IV. Development

Discussion was had regarding the receipt of the comments from the SHPO regarding the amendment to the Historic District Ordinance. After making a small addition to the language, as suggested by the SHPO, staff will be working with the Township Legal Department to amend the ordinance as a result of the recent re-survey completed by Mannik Smith Group.

V. Legal

Nothing to report

Old Business:

I. HDC Photo Documentation / Project Update

The project is still ongoing. Staff to look into the possibility of having a HDC commissioner come in and access records to create the initial set of documents.

II. Update on Cherry Hill Exterior Project

This item is covered in staff report for Buildings and Grounds.

New Business:

I. Commissioner Vacancy/Subcommittee required

Staff discussed the need to form a subcommittee to review applications for the recent vacancy on the HDC created when Ralph Welton resigned his position. Commissioners Dionne and Martin agreed to be on the subcommittee and staff will begin the search for candidates. It was suggested that earlier resumes submitted for previous positions be looked at and those candidates contacted to see if they are interested.

Adjourn:

Motion by Dionne, supported by Foley to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.