
**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2020
Pittsfield Township Administration Building
6201 W. Michigan Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ferguson, LeClair, Richards, Scribner, Wall

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Harwood, Paas

OTHERS PRESENT: Ina Hanel-Gerdenich, Christina Lirones

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/Determination of a Quorum

Chair Wall called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Roll Call

All present except Commissioner Harwood and Vice Chair Paas

4.0 Open Meetings Act/Public Comment

Under the Open Meetings Act, any person may come forward at this time to address the Commission. Anyone who wishes to speak is requested but not required to state his/her name and address for the record. Christina Lirones inquired about the subject of Agenda Item **9.2, Letter to Etter Regarding Lions**, from the Historic District Meeting on November 6, 2019.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Scribner, supported by Commissioner LeClair to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**6.0 Scheduled Guest – Ina Hanel-Gerdenich
Update 2008 Historic Resources Survey**

Chair Wall introduced and welcomed Ina Hanel-Gerdenich. The Historic District Commission has requested Ms. Hanel-Gerdenich to write a proposal for updating the 2008 Historic Resources Survey. A special meeting has been called to discuss the proposal.

Ms. Hanel-Gerdenich discussed the time frame of homes to be considered eligible for potential historical significance, typically homes fifty years or older, up to World War II time frame.

The Commission discussed in detail the history of various properties in Pittsfield Township that can be included in the updated survey. Ms. Hanel-Gerdenich suggested that the Commission have in their archives the Rural Property Inventory that can be obtained from the State Archives.

Chair Wall read the scope of the proposal to update the Historic Resources Survey spreadsheet (Appendix B) of the 2008 report titled, “An Inventory and Analysis of Historic Resource Surveys.” The project will include properties built before 1945 and properties built between 1945 and 1970 that are recognized as being historically significant. Properties that are currently on the list and are no longer significant due to demolition or other circumstances will be marked as such on the updated spreadsheet rather than be deleted.

Ms. Hanel-Gerdenich will include digital photographs of all the properties on the updated list, which will be taken from the public right-of-way during the winter and early spring months before leaves emerge.

The final summary report will be presented to the Historic District Commission in digital format (CD or thumb drive using an Excel spreadsheet). The proposal amount of the project is \$4,520.00

Motion by Commissioner LeClair, supported by Commissioner Richards to approve Ina Hanel-Gerdenich’s proposal with changes discussed in the meeting, contingent on review and approval of the Township attorney, James Fink.

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED