

Meeting of Sparta Township Historical Commission
Historical Commission Research Center
72 North Union Street Sparta, MI
Special Meeting at Sparta Civic Center
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the Commission Present: Jaime Brooks, Doug Pinckney, Robert Cumings, Keith Anderson Roxanne Claxton, and , Jim Tuinstra

Members of the Commission Absent: JoAnne VanderWerff, and Dale Bergman

Friends of the Commission Present: Larry Carter, Toni Potes, Dan Salas, Adele Jones, and Robert Andrus

New Business:

Larry Carter explained that Historical Friends are now the owner of the Sparta Civic Center. The Historical Commission will continue to have the Veterans Museum, and space for a general museum. The benefactors would like to continue the rental side for community use.

Architect Robert Andrus presented the commission and friends with some options for museum space remodeling. After much discussion it was decided to present plans to benefactors. The benefactors will choose the layout that would suit their needs. Then the commissioners will decide.

Motion to table the decision on the Civic Center plans by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- N/A	Robert C- Yes	vacant	Joanne VW- N/A
Roxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Motion to write a grant to the Historical Friends in the amount of \$294 for the purchase of young historian t-shirts by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- N/A	Robert C- Yes	/acant	Joanne VW- N/A
Koaxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Don Swanson's daughter would like the piano. She will cover the cost of moving. Motion to approve the removal of the piano by Robert Cumings, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- N/A	Robert C- Yes	/acant	Joanne VW- N/A
Koaxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Doug Pinckney requested that Jayne Heath, and JoAnne VanderWerff help with the layout of the new museum space.

Research Center will be open with cookies and cocoa during the Shop Sparta event on Friday November 21 5-8pm.

Monday December 22, 2025 at Noon will be the annual potluck luncheon at the Civic Center.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 2 2025, at 6:00PM

Motion to Adjourn by Jaime Brooks, Second by Jim Tuinstra, Motion Approved.

Doug P- Yes	Dale B- N/A	Robert C- Yes	/acant	Joanne VW- N/A
Koaxanne C – Yes	Keith A – Yes	Jaime B- Yes	Jim T- Yes	

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21pm

Submitted by Jaime Brooks