



**Warren Village Historic District Commission**

5961 Beebe  
Warren, MI 48092

March 06, 2025

**Meeting MINUTES**

Hogan, Cindy – Secretary  
DeDecker, John – Chair  
Malugin, Tony – Member  
Alter, Jo – Architect  
Courter, Erik – Member  
Papasian, Loren – Member  
**Ex-Officio:** Jonathan Lafferty

The Meeting of the Warren Village Historic District Commission was held March 06, 2025 at 5961 Beebe.

**Call to Order:** Loren made a motion to call to order at 7:00 PM, second by Cindy, all agreed.

**Roll Call:** Cindy, Jo, Erik, Loren and Tony. Also, present Laura Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Warren.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Loren made a motion to add a donated sculpture to be placed in Eckstein Park, and applying for a grant for cemetery repairs. Jo made a motion to adopt the agenda, second by Erik, all agreed, amended agenda accepted.

**Adoption of Minutes:** Erik made a motion to accept minutes from 02/06/25, second by Tony, all agreed, minutes accepted. Erik made a motion to accept minutes from 02/20/25, second by Tony, all agreed, minutes accepted.

**New Business**

- a. **Introduce new board members:** Erik Courter & Loren Papasian
- b. **Commission address by Ron Wuerth, Planning Director, to discuss the Planning department support to the commission:** the Commission was invited to work with the Planning Dept for resources
- c. **Updating Historic District web page:** Erik made a motion for a subcommittee to meet with the planning department, seconded by Loren. Amanda 586-574-4687 will be the liaison to this Commission. Melissa Maisano compiled a list of properties in the Village district. A flow chart will be created for applying for a permit. Training for the Commissioners with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network was suggested.
- d. **How to feature the Historic District in the 2027 anniversary celebration:** Mayor Stone is requesting participation in the yearlong celebration next year. Meeting Mayor Stone and the Parks Dept will be done by a subcommittee. Jo made a motion to create a subcommittee of Erik and Loren, seconded by Cindy. All agreed. Motion passed.
- e. **Budget:** Meeting with Mayor Stone is March 24 at 1:20 pm will be attended by the treasurer and another Commissioner.
- f. **Nominations and Officer voting:** President- John was nominated and elected. Vice-President-Loren was nominated and elected. Secretary-

CC: Mayor Office: City Clerk Office, Village Historic District Commissioners, Submitted by Cindy Hogan

Cindy was nominated and elected. Treasurer- Erik was nominated and elected.

- g. **Building updates:** a Grant will be explored for updates to make 5961 Beebe user friendly and accessible for meetings, outdoor lighting, emergency lighting, fire prevention and roof maintenance. Dave Muzzarelli will be contacted.
- h. **Process of establishing a historic district or adding existing historic district:** a seventh Commissioner is needed to proceed
- i. **Bylaws update:** Laura Sullivan is compiling updates. The last update was 2002
- j. **Eckstein Park progress report & additional plan item ideas:** Ron reported plans and an application is coming from Engineering
- k. **Status of CLG project:** a seventh Commissioner is needed to proceed
- l. Updating Historic District web page: item discussed with the Planning Dept above.
- m. **Historic Commission:** Dave Rent reported they have 4 of 9 Commissioners
- n. **Sculpture:** A sculpture, "A Man in The City," was donated to be placed in Eckstein Park. The Public Arts Committee will need to approve before placement. Jo made a motion to approve placement if the sculpture, seconded by Erik. All agreed. Motion passed.
- o. **Cemetery Grant:** Loren reported there is a grant available for up to \$200k for Union Cemetery repairs, fence and parking lot. Replacement and repair of the fence may be as much as \$100k. Cindy made a motion to apply for the grant, seconded by Jo. All agreed. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Corner Park sprinklers are not working correctly, not reaching all the flowers and planters. This item will be brought to the Parks Dept attention

**Open Discussion:** The Garden Club will be requesting 10 flats of flowers for Union Cemetery and Corner Park

Schedule next meeting 04/03/25 at 7pm

**Adjournment:** Erik made a motion to adjourn, second by Jo, all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM