

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**City of Farmington Hills**  
**Heritage and History Center**  
**June 28, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
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**248-871-2540**

**1. Chairman Hulett called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.**

**2. MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Hulett, Earl Baxtresser, John Willyard, Lee Cox John Scott

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LIAISON TO HERITAGE & HISTORY MUSEUM: Brian Golden was absent.

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Derek

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION by Baxtresser support by Willyard to approve the agenda as published.**  
**Motion carried 5-0**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION by Cox support by Willyard, to accept the minutes of May 24, 2023.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews:** Lee Cox delivered to the Historical Commission, 6 Bankers Boxes of Farmington Hills Archival Materials brought in by Stuart McConnell, the son of former Farmington Hills City Councilman and Mayor, Robert McConnell. A brief review of the contents reveals detailed documents relating to the transition of Farmington Township to the City of Farmington Hills.

**MOTION by Baxtresser support by Scott, to accept these documents into the collection of the Heritage and History Center.**  
**Motion carried 5-0.**

**B. Museum Improvement-**  
a. Interior & Exterior -On hold

**C. Brick Walk Brick Sales-None**

**D. Historical Markers-**  
1. Palmer Sherman House- Hulett and Willyard shared with the commissioners the

- information they had gathered at the Oakland County Registrar of Deeds Office.
2. Boys Republic- On hold.
  3. Power's Station: Ongoing.
  4. "QR" Codes: Discussion about generating a letter that can be sent out on Farmington Hills letterhead as a letter of introduction to homeowners with historic markers to garner additional information for that particular site. This is still needed.
- E. Publications –Mary Isham Garfield:** Willyard detailed additional information gathered at Oakland County Registrar of Deeds office that will enable him to update His Monograph, "The Garfield Family Comes to Michigan". Willyard also shared with the Commissioners two timelines of the Isham Family, with his updated information.
- F. FHHC Filing Cabinet Contents Review:** On hold.
- G. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning-** Ongoing.
- H. Spicer House relocation for the Heritage and History Center:** Baxtresser mentioned that he had received an email from Bryan Farmer stating that the moving to the Spicer House for the Heritage and History Center will commence after the roofing project at the Spicer House is completed, most likely, this fall.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- 7. POINTS OF INTEREST:** None
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from FHHC Recording Secretary to Bryan Farmer. (5/30/23)
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Willyard, shared an updated "Tutorial" he had drafted for the fellow Commissioners on various aspects of doing historical research at the Oakland County Clerk's office. This was based on his recent visit to the Oakland County Courthouse. Copies were distributed to the Commissioners.
- 11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS:** Requesting status of City Council's recommendation to appoint Joe Derek to the Historical Commission.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 27, 2023, at the Heritage and History Center, Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earl Baxtresser,  
Recording and Corresponding Secretary