

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON HILLS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
City of Farmington Hills
Heritage and History Center
April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
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1. Chairman Hullet called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: James Hullet, John Willyard, John Scott, Earl Baxtresser, Joe Derek,

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

LIAISON FROM CITY: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Baxtresser, supported by Willyard, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Scott support by Willyard, to accept the minutes of February 25, 2026, as amended.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Museum Accession/De-Accession Reviews: None

B. Museum Improvement- Spicer House Move:

1. This item is on hold pending agreements between Oakland County Parks and the City of Farmington Hills

C. Historical Markers-

1. Palmer Sherman: Installation is weather permitting. Will reach out to the liaison.
2. Boys Republic- Pending developer progress. Will reach out to the liaison.
3. Power's Station: Baxtresser shared a 1915 drawing of the Warner Cheese Factory at Power's Station overlaid onto the 2025 Halsted Road Widening project. This overlay was done by the Farmington Hills Engineering Division.
4. Final "QR" Codes: On hold.

D. Publications –

- a. Willyard shared with each of the commissioners a completed color draft of the Expanded Monograph #14: **“The Garfield Family Comes to Michigan”**, 2nd Edition. He and Jayne Pawlisa, co-authors.

6. NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion concerning the upcoming **America 250MI** Celebrations. In absentia, Golden shared with the FHHC an event that would be in collaboration with America 250MI for the simultaneous reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8th at 6:00 pm, at the gravesite of Levi Green at North Farmington Cemetery. Levi Green is the only Revolutionary War soldier buried in Farmington Hills. This would be a collaborative effort with the HDC, Farmington Historical Society, the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society, and the FHHC. Discussions will continue.
Further discussions on a possible FHHC setup with the FHHC at the Fireworks celebration in late June will also take place.

7. POINTS OF INTEREST: None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

11. LIAISON ACTION ITEMS: Inquire about Palmer Sherman marker installation, Status of the Boys Republic Development, Status of Oakland County Parks – The Special Services Department – Heritage Park collaboration. Further discussions about the America 250 MI Celebration events.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:31

NEXT MEETING: April 29, 2026, at **7:00** pm at the Heritage and History Center,
Heritage Park, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Michigan 48336

Respectfully Submitted,
Earl Baxtresser,
Recording and Corresponding Secretary