



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, October 27, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Ypsilanti Freighthouse
100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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John Gawlas
Katie Hoffman
Bill Nickels
Evangeline Shipe
Bryan Foley
Madelynne Brown
Stefan Szumko
Arieona Klaus

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Evan Milan- Present
John McCurdy- Present
John Gawlas-Present
Jeff Guyton-Absent
Katie Hoffman-Absent
Bill Nickels-Present
Evangeline Shipe-Present
Bryan Foley-Absent
Tyler Weston-Absent
Madelynne Brown-Present
Stefan Szumko-Present
Arieona Klaus-Absent

With 7 members present and 5 absent there is a quorum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Stefan Szumko **Second:** Evangeline Shipe

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Last meeting July 28th, 2022

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A. [Minutes form 7/28](#)

Motion: Stefan Szumko **Second:** Evangeline Shipe

VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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A. Budget Allocation
[Res. Bicentennial Budget Request](#)

Motion: Stefan Szumko **Second:** Evangeline Shipe

Commission voted upon a budget of 20,200. With the overall expenses planned for the Bicentennial Events over the next year. Not including money raised from fundraisers.

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- B. Revised Forms
[bicentennial donor letter draft](#)
[Volunteer Application - full](#)

Motion: Bill Nickels **Second:** John Gawlas

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- C. Upcoming Events: Summerfest (8/27) & Homecoming 1973 (9/23)
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- D. Reimbursement of 4th of July Parade items
[Res. No. 2022- Bicentennial 4th of July](#)

Motion: John Gawlas **Second:** Evangeline Shipe
All in favor for the proposed amount.

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- E. Postcards and Love Letters
[Res. No. 2022- Bicentennial Letters](#)

Motion: Stefan Szumko **Second:** Evangeline Shipe
All in favor for resolution amount.

- F. Next meeting Sep 22nd to meet with Subcommittees

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Any other updates: Hometour with Ypsi Herritage Foundation, Group walks and Nature hikes planned for Spring/Summer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.



As Ypsilanti's Bicentennial approaches, we want celebrations to showcase the culture and community over the last 200 years. Throughout 2023 there will be musical performances, historic-driven happenings, and family-friendly entertainment that reflect on the past and celebrate where we're going. We'll even open the time capsule from the Ypsilanti Sesquicentennial in 1973!

The Bicentennial Commission hopes to raise \$150,000 to host three events throughout 2023: a New Years Eve Ball Drop at the Water Tower, a Fourth of July Picnic and time capsule reveal, and our main event in August to celebrate with area artists, delicious local food, a beer tent, and provide meaningful engagement.

All sponsors will be featured in the Bicentennial book, listed on the back of t-shirts, and listed in the event brochure. Below you can find an appropriate level of sponsorship for you.

Woodruff \$10,000 - General sponsorship package, featured on the stage banner, and a full page ad in main event brochure.

Starkweather \$5,000 - General sponsorship package, featured on banners at events, and a full page ad in main event brochure.

The Real McCoy \$2,500 - General sponsorship package, featured on banners at events, and a half page ad in main event brochure.

Aray \$1,000 - General sponsorship package, featured on banners at events, and a quarter page ad in main event brochure.

Norris \$500 - General sponsorship package.

Gilbert \$250 - General sponsorship package.

Sponsorship form follow link or scan QR code:

<https://forms.gle/BW1qsp94YL2Qk8517>



2023 Ypsilanti Bicentennial Walking Events:

- **Monthly Riverside Rambles** - For nature nerds of all ages, we will be exploring the plants and animals along the Huron River. (1-2 hours, weather dependent). Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198) on the second Sunday of each Month at 10am.
- **Historic Walking Tours** - we will combine the appreciation of our architectural resources with fitness. The first part of the walk will follow the [City of Ypsilanti's Historic Commercial District Walking Tour](#) routes followed by additional mileage through neighborhoods (approximately 3km total distance). Here are the general locations:
 1. **Downtown** - Marvel at the buildings in the historic downtown business district, then head down to the river to visit Independence Island. (1-2 hours). Meet at Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).
 2. **Cross St/EMU** - Walk from one of the lowest points in the city (Frog Island) to the highest elevation (the water tower) with a quick stroll through the original State Normal College (now EMU). (1-2 hours). Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).
 3. **Depot Town and the Historic East Side** - After the history walk through Depot Town, we'll walk up and down a steep hill through the east side neighborhoods (1-2 hours). Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).
 4. **Normal Park** - A nice, flat route through a century-old neighborhood. (1-2 hours). Meet at the Ypsilanti Senior Center (1015 Congress St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).
 5. **Ypsilanti Historic District Perimeter (~6K)** - Explore the edges of the 3rd largest historic district in the state of Michigan. (2 hours). Meet at Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).
- **[Ypsilanti Bicentennial 5K/10K Volksmarch](#)** - beginning/ending at the Freight House walkers will pass many significant buildings in Ypsilanti's history. From Depot Town to Woodruff's Grove, Independence Island to the Water Tower participants can walk the route any time (all at once or in segments) between April 1 - December 31 or join the Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting (Walking) Club at one of their group walks in Spring or Fall 2023 (dates TBD).
- **Bridges of Ypsilanti Walk** - if you count the Tridge as 3, there are 14 bridges within roughly a mile from downtown Ypsi. The walking route is just a bit over 10K. The 5K route has 10 bridges. I'm thinking this would be a fun Labor Day event. Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).
- **YHF Historic Home Tour (1K)** - this event will retrace the route of Ypsilanti's first Historic Home Tour in 1977 along N. Huron from Michigan Ave. to Cross St. Participants can walk with a guided group or independently using the annotated map. (1-2 hours). (Start point TBD)