

TOWN OF ROMULUS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

August 20 2019

Present: Mary Joslyn; Bill Karlsen; Leon Burkholder; Darrin Burkholder; Tom Bouchard; Ken Battle. Guests: Walt Gable; Jane Brauning; Bill Sebring.

Informational session opened at 7:05 PM by Subcommittee Chair Tom Bouchard.

TOPIC FOCUS: *Historic Preservation*

ACTIONS:

- **Identified the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats pertaining to historic preservation.** **STRENGTHS:** Old houses (90% of cobblestone houses are within 75 mile radius); active local historical societies; shipwrecks in Seneca Lake; the Depot (including the White Deer and the Women's Encampment); old railroad station; Native American history; women's history; Willard Asylum; Sullivan Trail; large Amish community. **WEAKNESSES:** derelict buildings; lack of signage/information; poor access to sites; lack of participation; perception that historic preservation is anti-development; lack of funding. **OPPORTUNITIES:** Historic tourism; user-friendly map of historic sites; capitalize on campers; develop a history brochure; add map with historic sites to town web site; make list of historical events and attractions; Amish auction house. **THREATS:** poverty and neglect; ignorance of local history; lack of civic pride; population decline; inability to start new businesses; lack of employees.

Information session ended at 8:53 PM.

NEXT SESSION: September 17, 2019. TOPIC: *Transportation and Infrastructure*

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Bouchard