

Historic District Commission Annual Report 2020

To: Pittsfield Board of Trustees

From: Pittsfield Charter Township Historic District Commission

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In April, 2020 Commissioners Paas and Wall participated in a virtual webinar with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. The subject was holding a virtual commission meeting.

In June at the virtual District commission meeting, the commission received the Survey of Properties Report 1930-1945 from Ms. Ina Hanel-Gerdenich. I am enclosing the summary from the June commission minutes written by Commissioner Al Paas.

The 2020 survey is an update and amplification of the 2008 List of Historic Properties. The survey included all structures, which 81 have been added to the 2008 list, equaling a total of 213 properties in the 2020 survey. The survey area is limited to the present borders of the Township plus several Township islands located within the City of Ann Arbor.



The 2008 survey included the following data: Identifying Information, Historic and Current name, Surveys, References, Evaluation, Date of construction, Context Theme, Architectural Style and Form, Outbuildings, and Builder, if known. The 2020 Survey has added the following for each property: Level of Significance and Integrity of Historic Elements, Property Use, Function and Ownership, additional architectural notes and Additional information on Outbuildings, as well

information on outbuildings, as well as photographs of each property.

The Survey presentation consisted of a large Excel spreadsheet with each of the 213 properties listed vertically and 34 identifying characteristics and/or aspects listed horizontally. The spreadsheet is designed to be searchable for any of these 34 characteristics and included a link (to be provided) to the photo of each property. The presentation included a PDF file of 11 pages, entitled Explanation of Entries

titled Explanation of Entries to Datasheet, which provided a detailed description of each of the characteristics that are included on the spreadsheet. In addition, the presentation included a Power Point with 13 slides that illustrated examples of some of the major characteristics and maps which locate the 213 listed properties and the 23 properties that are identified as Most Significant.

Additional Themes:
Properties associated with early settlers



Plus: Sutherland Wilson Farm, Harwood Farm, Hurd-Tefft House, Lohr Rd Houses...





1880 Textile Rd W

4456 Lohr Rd



Among the list of Most Significant are two properties located at 1880 West Textile Road and 4456 Lohr Road, which are identified as outstanding with respect to design, historic significance, and existing condition.