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The Plymouth Township Historic District Commission has launched a podcast series titled *There is History in Plymouth Township*. The first three episodes are available on the Plymouth Township website, and cover local topics like Shearer Cemetery, Local History, and Saint John's Resort. More episodes on community history are under development and will be made available on the township website.

Ben Eikey is a volunteer member of the Historic District Commission and host of the podcast. Join Ben and guests for friendly, informative conversations on local community history including cemetery preservation efforts, the beginnings of Plymouth Township, and how the past influences today's operations at Saint John's Resort.

Podcast episodes are around 30 minutes in length. Through these podcasts, the Historic District Commission hopes to entertain while sharing community history to remind us how lessons from the past reflect priorities today. Further episodes are in development, and Eikey is excited by the positive response from the community.

"When I moved to Plymouth Township I was struck by the amazing history in and around this community and wanted to share these stories. Leaning into my professional background, I suggested a podcast to the Historic District Commission and the response from the commission and from the township supervisor was positive and supportive. Now, momentum is building to continue sharing stories about our community through the podcast. I hope my neighbors across the township are enjoying these stories and learning alongside me about our community's past." For podcast feedback and suggestions for future episodes, contact the Historic District Commission via the Supervisor's Office at <u>supervisor@plymouthtwp.org</u> or visit an upcoming meeting. Additional contact details and future meeting dates of the Historic District Commission are available on the township website.

The Plymouth Township Historic District Commission was created in 2019 by Ordinance No. 1016, Amendment #23. The purpose of this ordinance is to foster the preservation of historic structures and places within Plymouth Township by enabling owners to voluntarily seek the creation of historic districts for their properties under applicable laws of the State of Michigan.