OLIVE BRANCH SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting on June 13, 2007

The first meeting of the Olive Branch School Restoration Steering Committee was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 in the Tecumseh Middle School cafeteria. In attendance at this meeting along with a large contingent of local citizens, business, professional and community leaders, was Mrs. Denna Johnson, President of the Ohio National Road Association, who attended the old Olive Branch School. Mrs. Johnson advised us to seek listing of the Olive Branch School on the National Register of Historic Places before pursuing grants. She further stated that most grants such as the ODOT, Ohio Historical Society as well as others would be awarded on an 80/20 matching basis. Businesses, civic groups, individuals, etc. need to be contacted for support early on in the process.

Mrs. Johnson indicated we could expect the process to take at least six to twelve months to complete. She recommended contacting Cyndie (Young) Gerken, member of the Ohio National Road Association, for assistance since she is familiar with the process of seeking National Register Nomination. She also reminded us that Cyndie was a graduate of Tecumseh High School.