



**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
LANDMARKS COMMISSION - MINUTES
Thursday, July 21, 2022**

Regular Meeting

AB Conference Room

6:00 PM

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Landmarks Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

All votes were taken via a voice roll call vote.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, (earlier start time to accommodate our "Christmas Gathering" scheduled for this evening), by Chairperson DeMoss.

ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Present: Chairperson DeMoss, Commissioners Ament, Marquardt, Orzel, Tyskiewicz and Warczak.

Excused: Alderwoman Kroupa, Commissioners Hemmen and Hermann.

Guests: Eagle Scout Kayden Wilson and his father, Darren Fields.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM: June 16, 2022 Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the June 16, 2022 Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: **Motion to approve the June 16, 2022 Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Motion by: Commissioner Warczak
Second by: Commissioner Marquardt

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously**

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. The \$600.00 to cover the Arcadian Hills Residential District signage is being transferred from the Landmarks budget to the Streets Department.
2. Our expenses thus far this year have been \$640.00, (Signage as above, and \$40.00 WAHPC membership).
3. Current balance is \$1360.00.
4. Our budget for 2023 will again be \$2000.00.

5. We may finish this budget year with approximately \$500.00 to return to the City, after the purchase of the biological cleaning solution and safety/cleaning supplies as described under **OLD BUSINESS #2 – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.**

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM: Update from Eagle Scout prospect Kayden Wilson on proposed project at New Berlin Center Cemetery

- a. Kayden will clean as many stones as he can, and has rated them in 3 groupings as to which ones need the most attention or not as much attention.
- b. He will not be able to work on the gate arch as it is located near electrical wiring.
- c. Kayden plans to clean the plaques on the mausoleum, but will not work on the areas where the stone is crumbling.
- d. He will check with the local VFW for the availability of veterans plaques.
- e. Kayden will not attempt to straighten any tipped stones.
- f. Commissioner Ament will arrange to have the City bring out picnic tables, a Porta-Potty, any safety and cleaning supplies that they can contribute, and drinking water for the Scouts who are helping.
- g. Time schedule for work will be based on obtaining the D2 Biological Solution from a company in Mukwonago – Chairperson DeMoss to purchase. Commissioner/Treasurer Warczak to confirm company and price paid for the solution for a similar Eagle Scout Project in 2018.

MOTION: Motion to authorize up to \$450.00 for the purchase of the D2 Biological Solution (Two 5-Gallon Pails) and any additional safety/cleaning supplies.

Motion by: Commissioner Ament
Second by: Tyskiewicz Jennifer

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

ITEM: Property for Landmark consideration: Woelfel Farm House & Barn—Hearing Scheduled for 8/18/22

The Public Hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, followed by our regularly-scheduled Landmarks Commission meeting.

Chairperson DeMoss received one call from a neighbor of the considered property, wondering if the Landmark designation would in any way impact the sale of nearby land.

**ITEM: Properties for Landmark consideration as “Informational Markers”: Casper Inn/Alida’s Asia House; Little Grove; Tacl Roadhouse; Governor Julius Heil home; S. Calhoun Road Site of Round Barn; Lincoln Road; Milwaukee Astronomical Society Observatory, Observatory Rd—(Commissioner Marquardt)
Status Pending**

**ITEM: Future overview of Landmark procedures following final review of Cultural and Historic Resources Chapter 4, Comprehensive Plan
Status Pending**

ITEM: Cultural & Historic Resources Chapter 4, Comprehensive Plan, City of New Berlin: Liaison Kelly W, DCD. Chair DeMoss: status update of revised document with inclusion of Cutler/Kern/Kimball Homestead City of New Berlin Landmark and Arcadian Hills Residential Historic District informational listing; update on success of adding pictures of Little Grove School and Nicolaus Barn and others - Commissioner Warczak

Status Pending based on obtaining the electronic copy of the document to submit to DCD Department.

ITEM: Fourth Virtual Historic New Berlin Trivia Challenge to feature the four historic New Berlin Cemeteries (Commissioner Orzel)—planned for October, 2022

- a. Commissioner Orzel will obtain the brochure of cemetery symbols from the New Berlin Historical Society.
- b. Commissioner Warczak will supply photos, as the issue concerning the use of copyrighted photos has not been resolved for Commissioner Orzel by the City.

ITEM: Landmarks Commission to be involved in October 2, 2022 Historical Society Beer Garden Open House event; plan to support the October “Cemetery-themed Trivia” by having cemetery brochures available

Chairperson DeMoss will represent the Landmarks Commission in a booth at the October 2, 2022 Beer Garden at Historical Park. The Virtual Trivia Challenge will be supported by having cemetery brochures available.

ITEM: 2022—Review of draft letter to be sent to current Landmark owners

It was suggested by Chairperson DeMoss that this item be removed from future agendas due to the fact that some homeowners may not want the notoriety. A discussion ensued, with most Commissioners agreeing that, although both ideas had merit, homeowners may be uncomfortable with the “advertising” of their home.

MOTION: Motion to Remove Above Item from Landmarks Agendas.

Motion by: Commissioner Orzel
Second by: Commissioner Ament

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

ITEM: 2022—Plan to feature Landmarks Commission regularly in City of New Berlin “New Berlin Notes.” This is dependent on homeowners agreeing to be featured; City liaison to be verified

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ITEM: Delayed Christmas Gathering: July 21, 2022—outdoor venue if possible.

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn to Enjoy the Delayed “Christmas Gathering” at 7:30PM

Motion by: Commissioner Warczak
Second by: Commissioner Ament

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

NEXT MEETING DATE

ITEM: AUGUST 18, 2022 AT 6:30 PM FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LANDMARKING WOELFEL FARM HOUSE AND BARN, IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOLLOWED BY THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jennifer Tyskiewicz
Secretary, Landmarks Commission**