

Landmarks Commission MEETING AGENDA



January 18, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Drive

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. 11/16/2023 Meeting Minutes
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - A. Treasurer Cheryl Warzcak
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Chairperson Lori Doyle
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion of updated write-ups for Properties for Landmark consideration as "Informational Markers": Governor Julius Heil home: Commissioner Kahlfeldt
 - B. Discussion of updated write-ups for Properties for Landmark consideration as "Informational Markers": Little Grove school: Commissioner Marquardt
 - C. Discussion of updated write-ups for Properties for Landmark consideration as "Informational Markers": Miller property on S. Moorland Rd (Barn foundation exists): Commissioner Ament
 - D. Discussion of updated write-ups for Properties for Landmark consideration as "Informational Markers": New Berlin Soap Box Derby Grounds: Commissioner Marquardt
 - E. Discussion of updated write-ups for Properties for Landmark consideration as "Informational Markers": S. Calhoun Road—Site of Round Barn (Future Autumn Trace Subdivision): Commissioner Doyle
 - F. Discussion on Cultural & Historic Resources Chapter 4, Comprehensive Plan, City of New Berlin: Liaison Kelly W, DCD
 - G. Discussion & possible vote on replacement of failing Landmark signs and updated wording.
 - H. Discussion and possible vote on Gravestone base / letter restoration in Historic Cemeteries – Commissioner Warzcak
 - I. Reminder of Holiday party after regularly scheduled February Meeting
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **SET MEETING DATE**
9. **ADJOURN**

Supplemental Information:

- The meeting agenda and agenda packet are available online at www.NewBerlin.org. The minutes are published online and are approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- It is possible that action will be taken on any of the items on the agenda and that the agenda may be discussed in any order.
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- *It is also possible that members of and possibly a quorum of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to in the above notice.*



Landmarks Commission MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2023 - 6:30 PM
Conference Room A/B
3805 S. Casper Drive

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next regular scheduled meeting.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Doyle took the roll call as follows:

Present: Commissioner Warczak, Commissioner Doyle, Alderperson La Fever, Commissioner Orzel, Commissioner Kahlfeldt, Commissioner Ament

Excused: Commissioner Marquardt and Tyskiewicz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 19, 2023 Landmarks Commission Minutes

MOTION: Motion to Approve the October 19, 2023, Landmarks Commission Minutes

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Commissioner Warczak
Motion 6-0

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Cheryl Warczak

Commissioner Warczak reported there were no expenses and balance sits at \$1,900

5. COMMUNICATIONS - Chairperson Lori Doyle

No Report

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. 1) Discussion and approval of updated write-ups for Properties for Landmark consideration as "Informational Markers"

a) Governor Julius Heil home: Commissioner Kahlfeldt, Little Grove school: Commissioner Marquardt; Miller property on S. Moorland Rd (Barn foundation exists): Commissioner Ament; New Berlin Soap Box Derby Grounds: Commissioner Marquardt S. Calhoun Road—Site of Round Barn (Future Autumn Trace Subdivision): Commissioner Doyle; Possible other historic schools

MOTION: Motion to Table until next meeting,

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Commissioner Doyle
Motion 6-0

B. 2) Discussion on Cultural & Historic Resources Chapter 4, Comprehensive Plan, City of New Berlin: Liaison Kelly W, DCD.

No Report - Lori Doyle to follow-up with DCD

- C. 3) Final report on collaborative Halloween Not-So-Haunted Happenings: Historic Cemetery Picture Hunt – Commissioners Kahlfeldt and Warczak
Picture Hunt did not garner much support from the Community
- D. 4) Discussion & possible vote on replacement of failing Landmark signs—specifically New Berlin Center Cemetery and others
MOTION: Motion to "Not to Exceed" budget of \$300 to replace 4 signs, to be invoiced this calendar year,

VOTE: Motion by: Commissioner Ament
Second by: Commissioner Warczak
Motion 6-0
- E. 5) Discussion & possible vote on Veterans Day Trivia Challenge—Commissioner Orzel
Report only - lowest participation rate of any trivia challenge
- F. 6) Discussion & possible vote on Landmarks Holiday Lights Contest—Commissioner Doyle
Commission to possibly explore next year.
- G. 7) Discussion & possible vote on Proposed change to 5:30pm for the start of future Landmarks meetings
MOTION: Motion to Approve changing the time permanently to 6:00 pm for the start of future Landmarks meetings.

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Commissioner Orzel
Motion 6-0

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 1) Discussion and possible vote on Gravestone base / letter restoration in Historic Cemeteries – Commissioner Warczak
Discussion centered around not having contact to do the base / letter restoration. Commissioner Warczak and Commissioner Ament will follow-up with different contacts to determine next steps.
- B. 2) Discussion and possible vote on Landmark Commission Holiday Party
Discussion agreed that the holiday party will take place after the regularly scheduled February meeting.
- C. 3) Discussion and possible vote on changing/cancelling the December Landmark Commission Meeting
MOTION: Motion to Approve canceling the December 21, 2023 Landmarks Commission Meeting

VOTE: Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Commissioner Ament
Motion 6-0

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. 1) Pending vote during new business
Next meeting set for January 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Finally, Commissioner Sally Kahlfeldt expressed her sincere regret in having to step down from the Landmarks Commission effective immediately.

9. ADJOURN

- MOTION:** Motion to Adjourn at 7:05PM
- VOTE:** Motion by: Alderperson La Fever
Second by: Commissioner Ament
Motion 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Doyle, Landmarks Commission Chairperson

German Evangelical Protestant Cemetery

This historic cemetery was built on land donated in 1842 by Christian Damm, an early German immigrant from Rhenish-Bavaria. The first burial took place later the same year. Barbara, the baby daughter of Henry and Barbara Luke, died of convulsions. She was 13 days old. Eventually, 93 of New Berlin's earliest pioneers were laid to rest in this cemetery; 65 of them, like Barbara, were infants or children. The families represented include Kramer, Korn, Sittle, and Wilde.

A frame church associated with the cemetery was built in 1848 and dedicated in 1849. It was the first permanent place of worship in New Berlin. A parsonage and parochial school were added in 1852. Within three years the congregation grew to 42 families, but doctrinal disagreements led to divisions within the community. A majority of members decided to leave. In 1865, they built a new brick church about a mile west from this site.

By 1867, 25 years after its founding, the original church was abandoned, although the last known burials in the cemetery occurred in the early 1870s. Through the years the gravestones became hidden under a dense cover of brush and debris. . . but the cemetery was not forgotten.

On April 17, 2003, the German Evangelical Protestant Cemetery was designated as an historic landmark. Ground-penetrating radar was used to locate the gravesites. Volunteers of all ages worked for many years to restore and revive the headstones and clean the grounds.

In 2010, thanks to their efforts, the cemetery was rededicated as a testament to the courage and determination of New Berlin's earliest residents.

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New Berlin Center Cemetery

This historic cemetery was built on land donated around 1840 by Publius Virgil "P.V." Monroe who served as the first town clerk. Monroe is often credited with persuading the town council to change the name of the Town of Mentor to New Berlin in honor of the town in New York that many of the earliest settlers, including Monroe, called home.

New Berlin Center is the oldest cemetery in New Berlin. The large, ornate gate at the entrance serves as a reminder to visitors that they are leaving the everyday world and entering a spiritual realm.

The first recorded burial on February 15, 1841 was Harriet E. Monroe, the six-month-old daughter of P.V. Monroe and his wife, Cordelia. Cordelia was later buried in the family plot at the age of 41 in 1855. P.V. followed in 1861 at the age of 47.

A portion of the cemetery was reserved as a potter's field for the burial of transient and indigent individuals. There are no grave markers or monuments in the potter's field.

A cemetery association was established in 1857. Daniel Ewer was the first director. The Boyd family served as caretakers from 1910 until July 2021 when management of the cemetery was transferred to the City of New Berlin.

The family names of the early pioneers who lie at rest here include Boyd, Meidenbauer, Winton, Killips, Monroe, Church, and Korn. Veterans of several wars are also buried here including seven who fought in the Civil War.

New Berlin Center Cemetery was designated as a historic landmark on November 21, 2013. It remains an active cemetery.

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HOLY APOSTLES CEMETERY

In 1855, Bernard Casper, a farmer, cooper and proprietor of the Casper Inn, presented the Catholics of the community with a three-acre parcel of land to be used for a church and cemetery.

More land was added over the course of the next century to accommodate the needs of the growing Catholic congregation.

In 1889, the parish, with the permission and blessing of the archbishop, changed its name from St. Valerius to Holy Apostles.

The first burial in the cemetery was Mary Elizabeth Johann on September 26th, 1885. The members of many early pioneer families lie at rest in this cemetery: the Jungens, Kaus, Kohlers, Biwers, Beres, Jungbluths, Snyders, Stephens and Stiglers.

The veterans of several wars are also buried here including Mathias Stephens who fought in the Civil War.

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY

This historic graveyard was opened in 1841 as a gift to church members by Yankee pioneer Rev. Rufus Cheney, founder of Wisconsin's First Freewill Baptist Church.

Among the first burials were Henry B. Cheney, the infant grandson of the pastor, on August 26th, 1841, and 33-year-old Anliza Cheney, the wife of the pastor's son, John, in December of 1842.

In contrast to these short lives, Rev. Cheney lived to age 89 (1780-1869), and his son to age 97.

In 1887, John Cheney formally deeded 1.3 acres to the newly-formed Sunnyside Cemetery Association, and additional land from the Blott Farm increased the acreage of the cemetery.

Veterans from six wars are buried here including eighteen from the Civil War. Notable is the monument of Dr. John Ingersoll listing three babies who were all named Robert in honor of the doctor's brother, Col. Robert Ingersoll. All three infants lived less than a year.

Other early pioneers who lie at rest here include the Hales, Blotts, Beardsleys and Parmenters.

Sunnyside Cemetery was designated as a historic landmark on November 21st, 2013.