

Landmarks Commission Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2025 6:00 PM

New Berlin City Hall

Conference Room A/B

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL; DECLARATION OF QUORUM; PUBLIC NOTICE
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Thursday, November 21, 2024
- 4) TREASURER'S REPORT
- 5) COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Report from the Chair
- 6) OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Assess Progress/Set Goals and Priorities for 2025
 - b. Replacement of Landmark signs in New Berlin Center, Holy Apostles, Sunny Side and German Evangelical Protestant Cemeteries
- 7) NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Review/Update/Coordinate Commission reference materials
 - b. Prepare for meeting(s) regarding signage and revisions to Cultural & Historic Resources Chapter 4
- 8) SET MEETING DATE/POST HOLIDAY GATHERING
- 9) ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2024
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM A/B**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Orzel at 6:10 PM.**
Present: Vice-Chairperson Orzel, Commissioners Ament, Marquardt,
Tyskiewicz and Warczak.
Excused: Alderman Harenda.
- II. Declaration of Quorum; Public Notice.**
- III. Approval of Minutes.**
September 19, 2024 Landmarks Commission Minutes.
MOTION: Motion to Approve.
VOTE: Motion by Commissioner Ament.
Second by Commissioner Marquardt.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS.**
- A. Nomination/Election of Officers.**
1. Nomination of Vice-Chairperson Orzel for Chairperson.
MOTION: Motion to Elect.
VOTE: Motion by Commissioner Warczak.
Second by Commissioner Tyskiewicz.
Motion passed unanimously.
2. Nomination of Commissioner Ament for Vice-Chairperson.
MOTION: Motion to Elect.
VOTE: Motion by Chairperson Orzel.
Second by Commissioner Tyskiewicz.
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Nomination of Commissioner Tyskiewicz for Secretary.
MOTION: Motion to Elect.
Motion by Commissioner Tyskiewicz.
Second by Vice-Chairperson Ament.
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Nomination of Commissioner Warczak for Treasurer.
MOTION: Motion to Elect.
VOTE: Motion by Vice-Chairperson Ament.
Second by Commissioner Marquardt.
Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Assess Progress/Set Goals for 2025.**
1. Chairperson Orzel had included two attachments to the copy of the September 19, 2024 meeting minutes: the Comprehensive Plan Overview from the Landmarks Commission Chapter 4, which defines

our Commission's mission, vision and goals; and an assessment sheet consisting of 5 questions, that can be used to determine if tasks were accomplished and goals were met.

2. Discussion produced the decision to begin the first task listed under the goal of "Increase public awareness of the City's origin, development, and historic significance," by preparing, placing, and maintaining signs/QR codes at each designated site and district.
 - a. Chairperson Orzel will begin a database to list all Landmarks, Historic Districts, and Informational Markers (physical signs and website information).
 - b. Commissioners will bring their informational Landmarks binders to the January 16, 2025 meeting to make certain that all information contained in them is brought up-to-date.

C. COMMUNICATIONS – Commissioner Warczak reported on the plans to update the Landmarks Brochure that she is working on with Commissioner Tyskiewicz. She has received a digital copy of it from the Clerk's Office, and will be able to re-format the brochure using Power Point.

D. OLD BUSINESS.

1. It was suggested that any discussion of the replacement of Landmark signs at four of the historic cemeteries be tabled until the January 16, 2025 meeting.

MOTION: Motion to Table the Discussion of Replacement Signs.

VOTE: Motion by Commission Marquardt.

Second by Commissioner Warczak.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT – Commissioner Warczak reports that there is \$1960.00 remaining in the Treasury.

F. NEXT MEETING: January 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM in City Hall
Conference Room A/B.

G. ADJOURN at 7:28 PM.

MOTION: To Adjourn.

VOTE: Motion by Vice-Chairperson Ament.

Second by Commissioner Warczak.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Tyskiewicz
Landmarks Commission Secretary

Landmarks Commission

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New Berlin Landmarks Commission Mission Statement

Unanimously Approved July 17, 2003

The mission of the New Berlin Landmarks Commission is to serve the people of the City as stewards of improvements and districts, and to develop historical, cultural, social, political, and economic interest in our community. Continuation of our heritage for current and future generations is accomplished through the perpetuation and use of such improvements and districts, and by educating the citizenry and fostering in them a deep sense of civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past and present.

PURPOSE/GOALS (New Berlin 2020 Comprehensive Plan)

- Increase public awareness of the City's origin, development, and historic significance;
- Conserve, protect and preserve the unique qualities and distinctive historic characteristics of the community; and
- Facilitate restoration and rehabilitation of historic structures, landscape features and other culturally significant physical objects and geographic areas.

To be achieved through the following tasks:

- Increase public awareness of the City's origin, development, and historic significance;
 - 1) Prepare, place, and maintain signs/QR codes at each designated site and district.
 - 2) Maintain and update the list of historic districts and cultural resources.
 - 3) Continue ongoing projects to educate the community.
 - 4) Continue to promote and be involved in New Berlin's Historical Days.
 - 5) Work in conjunction with the New Berlin Historical Society to meet the goals of the Commission.
- Conserve, protect and preserve the unique qualities and distinctive historic characteristics of the community;
 - 1) Encourage a proactive Landmarks Commission; set annual goals and priorities.
 - 2) Continue to work with and support the New Berlin Historical Society.
- Facilitate restoration and rehabilitation of historic structures, landscape features and other culturally significant physical objects and geographic areas.
 - 1) Follow the procedures set forth in Chapter 141 of the Municipal Code for any historic designations.
 - 2) Share resources with the New Berlin Historical Society.

ASSESSMENT

- 1) Were each of the tasks listed above accomplished? Can you provide at least one example?

- 2) Did successful completion of the task help the Landmarks Commission to achieve the intended goal?

- 3) Should the task be continued, modified, replaced, or removed from the list?

- 4) Are there any goals that need attention?

- 5) How might the Landmarks Commission implement a more regular and robust assessment procedure?

City o New Berlin: Historic Districts

Waukesha County Historical Society Markers

Nbr.	Name	Current Location	Date Designated
21-01	Calhoun Hamlet	Calhoun Rd on the Bugline Bike Trail	
	Calhoun	Calhoun Rd on the Bugline Bike Trail	

Locally Recognized Historic Distrcts

Nbr.	Name	Current Location	Date Designated
	Historic Park		11/19/1991
	Historic Coffee Street	Racine Ave. (Hwy. Y) to National Ave.	
	Arcadian Hills Residential Hist. Dist.	Arcadish Dr. between Greenfield Ave. & Sunny Slope Rd.	

Signage Installed	Notes
2003	Sign in place 12/2024
2003	Sign in place 12/2024

Signage Installed	Notes
	See Historic Park Buildings Tab Individual street signs
2022	

City of New Berlin: Historic Sites & Landmarks

National Register of Historic Places

Nbr.	Name
#97001409	Freewill Baptist Church
#00000700	Enoch Gardner & Mary Caroline Koch Needham House
#96000989	Weston Antique Apple Orchard

Waukesha County Historical Society Markers

Nbr.	Name
21-02	Cheney-Faulker Cooper Home
21-03	Cornfalfa Farms - Swartz Bros.
21-04	Freewill Baptist Church
21-05	Julius Heil Childhood Home
21-06	Linnie Lac Pond Dam Site
21-07	New Berlin Hills Golf Course

Local Landmarks

Nbr.	Name
#3	Jungbluth Greek Revival Farmhouse
#4	Nicolaus-Hart Victorian Farmhouse & Barn
#5	Tacl's Tavern & Roadhouse
#6	Cheney-Faulkner-Cooper House
#7	Clark-Pitman-Milham House
#8	Linnie Lac Dam Site
#9	Andrew L. McWhorter House
#10	Sears Kit Barn
#11	German Evangelical Protestant Church Cemetery
#12	German Evangelical Reformed Protestant Cemetery
#13	Luthi Family Barn
#14	Elger's Red Bell Market
#15	New Berlin (Center) Cemetery
#16	Sunnyside Cemetery
#17	Koeppen Home
#18	Cheese Factory/Mustang Shelly's Roadhouse
#19	Foster-Giesfeldt Home
#20	Gilbert-Schroeder-Hofmann Home
#21	Foster-Sadler-Kreger Home
#22	Cutler-Kern-Kimball Farmstead
#23	Imig-Woelfel Farmstead

Location	Date Designated	Signage Installed
19750 W. National Ave.	6/22/1998	
12713 W. Greenfield Ave.	6/15/2000	
19760 W. National Ave.	9/6/1996	

Location	Date Designated	Signage Installed
5810 S. Racine Ave.		1956, 1978, 2001
Racine Ave. & Swartz Rd.		2004
19750 W. National Ave.		1956
19890 Julius Heil Dr.		
Hwy. HH between Hwy Y & Martin Drive		2001
13175 W. Graham St.		2007

Location	Date Designated	Signage Installed
3130 Sunny Slope Rd.	6/8/1993	10/2003
3655 S. Woelfel Rd.	11/4/1996	
20401 W. Greenfield Ave.	11/4/1996	Inside bar?
5810 S. Racine Ave.	12/9/1997	
20900 W. Cleveland Ave.	8/24/1999	
Hwy. HH between Hwy Y & Martin Drive	2/22/2000	
20635 W. Cleveland Ave.	10/24/2000	
12415 S. Grange Ave.	4/18/2002	
4041 S. Racine Ave.	4/17/2003	Replacement pending
3700 S. Racine Ave.	4/17/2003	Replacement pending
	8/12/2008	
18600 W. National Ave.	6/9/2009	
18001 W. National Ave.	11/21/2013	Replacement pending
6005 S. Racine Ct.	11/21/2013	Replacement pending
16230 W. National Ave.	4/8/2014	
18540 W. National Ave.	12/18/2014	
21777 W. National Ave.	12/18/2014	
4848 S. Calhoun Rd.	12/18/2014	
21795 W. National Ave.	10/27/2015	
20398 W. Coffee Rd.	5/15/2019	
	9/22/2023?	

Notes

Notes

Sign removed for water project; included in Ch. 4

Sign missing

Sign obscured by trees

Included in Ch. 4

Included in Ch. 4

Notes

Razed

Moved to 16150 W. National Ave. Currently closed/for sale.

National Register?

Write-up approved 4/18/2024

Write-up approved 4/18/2024

Owner's permission required to view.

Currently Chappel Sports

Write-up approved 4/18/2024

Write-up approved 4/18/2024

Under new ownership. Reopens 3/2025.

City of New Berlin: Historic Park Buildings

Name	Original Location	Designation	Notes
#1. Freewill Baptist Church	19750 W. National Ave.	11/7/1989	
#2. Lindsey-Murphy-Heinz-Sisson Farm	20155 W. Barton Rd.	11/19/1991	
Authentic Historic Gazebo	Historic Park	Reproduction	
Church/Winton General Store & Post Office, circa 1840	1948 W. National Dr.		Razed
Cupola Tower	2240 S. Moorland Rd.	4/2/1992	
First Freewill Baptist Church	19750 W. National Ave.	11/7/1989	
Freewill Baptist Parsonage, circa 1842	5565 S. Racine Ave.		Razed?
Meidenbauer Log Cabin, circa 1842	Lawnsdale Rd.		Moved to present site
Prospect Hill School #2/Murphy Brothers	East of the Freewill Baptist Church		Moved to Barton Rd a
Prospect Hill School #3, circa 1913	Prospect Hill		Is Prospect Hill #2 & #
Site of Winton General Store & Post Office, circa 1888	19745 W. National Ave.		Building no longer sta
Weston Antique Orchards & Barns	19760 W. National Ave.		
Winton - Church - Martin House	?		
Winton Sprengel House	19765 W. National Ave.		

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City of New Berlin: Inclusion in the City's Website

Name	Current Location
Holy Apostles Cemetery	16000 W. National Ave.
Casper Inn/Alida's/Asia House	16150 W. National Ave.
Gov. Julius Heil Boyhood	19890 Julius Heil Dr.
Hickory Grove School	2600 S. Sunny Slope Rd.
Kelly Lakes	Grange & College Ave.
Lincoln Road	W. of Calhoun Rd. & 179th Street to Johnson Rd.
Little Grove School/Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Temple	3705 S. Swartz Rd.
Miller Property	S. Moorland Rd. & W. Heatherly Dr.
New Berlin Center	National Ave. between Lawnsdale Rd. & HA
Observatory Rd.	
Milwaukee Astronomical Society	18850 W. Observatory Rd.
New Berlin Hills Golf Course	13175 W. Graham St.
New Berlin Soap Box Derby Grounds	5100 S. Small Rd.
East Prospect Hill	National Ave. at Martin & Beloit Rds.
Peck's Dance Hall & Saloon	18000 W. National Ave.
Prospect Hill & Lower Prospect Hill	Racine & Natuinal Aves.
Site of the Round Barn	Calhoun Rd. .25 mi. north of Beloit Rd.
Stigler Nature Center	17400 W. Liberty La.
Wisconsin Cheese & Butter Company	Razed

Date of Vote	Result	Notes
Not a landmark	Signage Replacement pending	Write-up approved 4/18/2024
7/18/2024	Approved	Casper Inn included in Ch. 4
4/18/2024	Rewritten for City Website	Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Tabled	
		Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Approved	Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Tabled	
7/18/2024	Tabled	
		Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Tabled	Share/discuss with Observatory Staff
		Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Tabled	
		Included in Ch. 4
		Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Approved	
		Included in Ch. 4
7/18/2024	Remove from consideration	