

**MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM A/B**

I. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Ament at 6:12 PM.

Present: Vice-Chairperson Ament, Alderman Harenda, Commissioners Erdmann, Marquardt, Tyskiewicz and Warczak.

Excused: Chairperson Orzel.

II. Declaration of Quorum; Public Notice.

III. Approval of Minutes.

August 21, 2025 Landmark Commission Minutes.

MOTION: Motion to Approve.

VOTE: Motion by Commissioner Marquardt.
Second by Commissioner Tyskiewicz.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Warczak – Balance remains at \$1,791.01.

V. Communications – Vice-Chairperson Ament – Reminder that Election of Officers will take place at the October 16, 2025 meeting.

VI. Old Business.

A. Replacement of Landmark Signs at New Berlin Center, Holy Apostles, Sunny Side and German Evangelical Protestant Cemeteries – Vice-Chairperson Ament.

1. Errors were found on the 4 sign proofs and Vice-Chairperson Ament will return them to the Streets Department for corrections.
2. A discussion ensued as to if New Berlin “Center” Cemetery should be spelled as such, or if early documents should be followed in using the spelling “Centre.” Commissioner Warczak will check with several sources to determine this.

B. Review of Documents from Previous Chairperson DeMoss – Commissioners Tyskiewicz and Warczak.

1. Commissioner Tyskiewicz turned over a folder of photos and information concerning the fire restoration of the First Freewill Baptist Church, and a folder of photos and information concerning the renovation and eventual razing of the Jungbluth Home and Farm, to Commissioner Marquardt to store/display in the New Berlin Historical Park Museum.
2. Commissioners Tyskiewicz and Warczak will bring several folders of information, found in the box of documents, to several future Landmarks Commission meetings to determine how best to use/store the remaining documents in question.

C. Review of Letter to Landmarks Property Owners – Commissioner Marquardt – Tabled until the return of Chairperson Orzel.

VII. New Business.

A. New Berlin Center Cemetery Improvements – Commissioners Warczak and Tyskiewicz.

1. Commissioners Warczak and Tyskiewicz will be meeting with Catey Barnish in Community Development and Lucas Pichler in the Department of Public Works to determine if Ground-Penetrating Radar has been used in this cemetery, and if there is a “Potter’s Field” connected to this cemetery where transient and indigent people may have been buried in unmarked graves in the past, and if Ground-Penetrating Radar has been used to locate this area.
2. In addition to this discussion, Vice-Chairperson Ament suggested that the Commission look at better positioning of cemetery signs, especially at Sunny Side, to make certain that they can be seen from the roadway, are free of obstruction from brush, and are linked to PR Codes.

B. USA’s 250th Anniversary Celebration – Commissioner Warczak.

1. Commissioner Warczak will meet with this Committee to see how the Landmarks Commission can fit into this celebration.
2. Suggestions were to mount photos of our Landmarks on heavy boards, to tell the history of how we started out as Mentor and were initially part of Milwaukee County, and to team up with the New Berlin Historical Society and 4th of July Commission, who are planning a display of New Berlin parades from over the years.

C. Holiday Celebration – Commissioner Warczak – Tabled until the return of Chairperson Orzel.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 AT 6:00 PM CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A/B.

IX. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:10 PM.

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn.

VOTE: Motion by Alderman Harenda.

Second by Commissioner Marquardt.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Tyskiewicz

Landmarks Commission Secretary