

**LANDMARKS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NEW BERLIN**  
**August 21st, 2003**  
**7:00 PM in Conference Room A-B**

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

Present: Commissioners Williams, DeMoss, Wicichowski, Hermann, Mudek, Herrick, and Alderman Harenda (arrived 7:18 p.m.).

Excused: Commissioner Jashinsky.

Guests: Attorney James Walden, Jr., representing ProHealth Care, Inc. (left at 7:30 p.m.); Mary Ella Milham, Historian; Mayor Ted Wysocki.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Bart Williams at 7:05 p.m. Attendance was taken as indicated above, and Vice Chairperson Williams declared that a quorum was present and that proper public notice of the meeting had been given.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wicichowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2003 special meeting and the July 17, 2003 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrick and unanimously approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Vice Chairperson Williams received a letter dated July 28, 2003 from City Attorney Mark Blum regarding Chapter 141 of the New Berlin Municipal Code.
- b. Vice Chairperson Williams informed the Commission of the flyer from the Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation (WTFHP) announcing their upcoming Wisconsin Historic Preservation Conference on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003 in Genesee Depot and downtown Waukesha, respectively.
- c. Vice Chairperson Williams also informed the Commission of the WTFHP's letter seeking nominations for WTFHP's 2003 Historic Preservation Awards. The nomination deadline is September 10, 2003. Vice Chairperson Williams suggested we nominate the Theodora Winton Youmans / Martin House for this award, and the Commission concurred. Commissioners Williams, Hermann, and Herrick volunteered to do the research and to complete and submit the nomination form and all necessary documentation prior to the deadline.
- d. The Menomonee Falls Historical Society also sent us their June 2003 newsletter.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Wicichowski reported we have spent only \$40.00 of our \$1,900.00 budget (current balance \$1,860.00).

#### ADDITIONS TO FUTURE LANDMARKS CONSIDERATION LIST

- a. Pre-Settlement Areas – Historian Milham suggested we mark where the Indian artifacts have been found in New Berlin, but not the exact site (due to vandalism

and/or theft concerns), with informational signs. For example, place signs at the entrance to Stigler Preserve, Regal Park, Poplar Creek, etc. Historian Milham had previously talked to Comm. Mudek about this, and he concurred. Vice Chairperson Williams asked Comm. Mudek to prioritize his recommended sites (e.g., Malone Park, Al Stigler Preserve, Observatory Rd., etc.). Historian Milham estimated that this might result in four signs.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Site Marker for Calhoun Station, West Side of Calhoun at the Railroad Tracks – Comm. Jashinsky is working with Fred Keller on this. Since she isn't present, Comm. Hermann volunteered to follow up on the status of these marker signs.
- b. Landmarks "Historic Sites" Brochure – Alderman Harenda will obtain cost estimates for re-doing our brochure from at least one vendor. Ken will also talk to David Haines, who works for the City (GIS), about creating and setting up the graphics for the brochure, which would save a major component of the cost a printer would charge.
- c. Landmark Commission Paperwork Format – Comm. Herrick will check with Rachel to see what the status is, and stated that progress is being made on these.
- d. Discussion of Landmark Status on Tax Key Numbers [not discussed].

#### TABLED ITEMS

- a. Sunnyside Cemetery [remained a tabled item].
- b. New Berlin Center Cemetery [remained a tabled item].
- c. 3130 S. Sunny Slope – Remove Landmark Status for House and Summer Kitchen: Motion by Commissioner Herrick to take this item off the table and discuss it. Seconded by Commissioner Wicikowski. Motion Carried. The Commission talked about other possible uses for the house. Atty. Walden representing ProHealth Care, Inc. handed out to everyone a 35-page packet containing the original nomination papers that were submitted to designate the property a Landmark in 1993. Atty. Walden reminded everyone that Joyce Salzman is still looking for land to which the house could be relocated and is offering \$15,000 to move it. Atty. Walden handed out a letter dated August 21, 2003 from Mark Schroeder, Director – Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department declining ProHealth Care Inc.'s offer to relocate the house to Pro Health Care Park and reasons therefore. Atty. Walden distributed a letter dated August 18, 2003 from Schmid Brothers Builders, Inc. with an attached estimate to repair the house of \$338,800. Atty. Walden also passed out a letter dated August 5, 2003 from the New Berlin Historical Society stating the reasons why the Society will not accept the house. Finally, Atty. Walden reminded the Commission that Section 141-5 of the New Berlin Municipal Code states that if no decision is made by the Landmarks Commission within 90 days of the filing of the demolition application, the application shall be deemed approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussing Revisions to New Berlin Municipal Code, Chapter 141: Historic Preservation – Vice Chairperson Williams read City Attorney Mark Blum's letter of July 28, 2003 regarding Chapter 141 of the New Berlin Municipal Code. The Commission discussed what it might mean in terms of the future role of the Landmarks Commission in demolition of landmarks. It is expected that discussion

of this item will occur at the next meeting, when City Attorney Mark Blum will be in attendance.

- b. Election of Chairperson and any residual openings – Comm. Herrick nominated Comm. Bart Williams for election as Chairperson, and Comm. Wicichowski seconded the nomination. Comm. Bart Williams was unanimously elected Chairperson. Comm. Wicichowski nominated Comm. Laurie DeMoss for election as Vice Chairperson. Comm. DeMoss stated that she would prefer to nominate Comm. Jashinsky for the Vice Chairperson position. Since Comm. Jashinsky was not present, it was decided to hold the election for Vice Chairperson at the next meeting. Mayor Wysocki mentioned that he is appointing Catherine Kohler Gumienny to the Landmarks Commission, to fill the vacancy created when Joyce Salzman resigned.
- c. 2004 Proposed Budget – After some discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to ask for a budget of \$1,800 for 2004 (i.e., \$100 less than the 2003 budget). Chairperson Williams has a form to fill out to document the Commission's official 2004 proposed budget, and he will then give it to Treasurer Wicichowski, who will turn it in to Mike Holzinger.

#### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Landmarks Commission meeting will be September 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Wicichowski made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., Comm. DeMoss seconded it, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Hermann, Secretary