

LANDMARKS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF NEW BERLIN
July 17th, 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 Salzmann, Williams, Jashinsky, DeMoss (late), Wicihowski, Hermann, Mudek, Herrick (late), and Alderman Herenda.

Guests: Mayor Ted Wysocki; Mark Blum, City Attorney; Matt Wade, Pro Health Care, Inc.; Ben McKay, Planning Department; and Mary Ella Milham, Historian.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Bart Williams at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2003 regular meeting with a slight correction - under item F of Old Business, the first line should read, "3130 S. Sunny Slope – Remove Landmark Status for House and Summer Kitchen" (i.e., instead of "... House **of** Summer Kitchen"). Comm. Wicihowski seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Comm. Williams also distributed a draft copy of the special July 10th, 2003 Landmarks Commission meeting minutes, to be reviewed and approved at the August 21st, 2003 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Wicihowski 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 will talk to Comm. Mudek about this.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Site Marker for Calhoun Station, West Side of Calhoun at the Railroad Tracks – Comm. Salzmann is to follow up on the status of the marker signs we ordered from Fred Keller, County Markers.
- b. Landmarks "Historic Sites" Brochure – Alderman Herenda will obtain cost estimates for re-doing our brochure from three vendors, and these estimates will be made available for inclusion in the August 21, 2003 meeting minutes.
- c. Mission Statement – Comm. Williams gave us each a copy of a combined statement, which includes everyone's input. Comm. Hermann made a motion for approval of the mission statement, which was seconded by Comm. Wicihowski. The motion was passed unanimously.

- d. Landmark Commission Paperwork Format – Alderman Herenda will check with Rachel to see what the status is.
- e. Discussion of Landmark Status on Tax Key Numbers – City Attorney Mark Blum suggested we clarify this item by more accurately and completely disclosing it as, “Discussing Revisions to New Berlin Municipal Code, Chapter 141,” on future meeting agendas.

TABLED ITEMS

- a. Sunnyside Cemetery [remained a tabled item].
- b. New Berlin Center Cemetery – It is believed that a new fence is being installed at this cemetery.
- c. 3130 S. Sunny Slope – Remove Landmark Status for House and Summer Kitchen: The Commission voted unanimously to take this item off the table and discuss it. The Commission talked about other possible uses for the house. Matt Wade stated that if the demolition permit is approved, National Regency of New Berlin, Inc. would be willing to put up a monument that would include an engraved picture or two of the house, the bronze Landmarks marker, and a brief narrative history of the house. He also said that the company who owns the property will be putting in a grill at the nearby assisted living center, and they could also put up historical pictures of New Berlin. Comm. Salzman is still looking for land to which the house could be relocated and is offering \$15,000 to move it. Mr. Wade said that if the demolition permit is approved, the current property owner would allow the Landmarks Commission to designate for salvage certain architectural features within the structure that the Commission deems appropriate to save. He also provided the tax records of the house. The Parks and Recreation Department has not taken any formal action stating they are either in favor of or opposed to wanting the buildings. Mr. Wade volunteered to send a letter to the Parks and Recreation Department in time for their next meeting, in order to formally document their position regarding the buildings. The Landmarks Commission decided it is important to obtain and review the original Landmark Application. Rachel should be able to locate it, and include it in our Paperwork format.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Siding for Prospect Hill Bar – 19745 W. National Ave.: Ben McKay showed colored pictures of the siding they would like to use. After reviewing the information, Comm. Jashinsky made a motion to approve the siding, which was seconded by Comm. Wicichowski. The motion was passed 7 to 0.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Landmarks Commission meeting will be August 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Wicichowski made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., Comm. Jashinsky seconded it, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hermann, Secretary