

## LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

New Berlin Public Library

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Laurie DeMoss at 6:34 PM. Present were Commissioners Pelkola, Hemmen, Wicihowski, Ament and Kampa. Excused- Commissioners Hermann, Jashinsky, and Alderman Seidl.
2. Commissioner Wicihowski made a motion to approve the Nov. meeting minutes with these corrections: Commissioner Hemmen was excused from the Nov. meeting. Bob Syzmkowski could do sounding at the cemetery over snow. Motion to approve with these corrections seconded by June and carried unanimously.
3. Treasurer Wicihowski reported that all bills for 2010 have been paid and our current balance is \$77.33. Our 2011 budget has been approved for \$2,000. The first expenditure for 2011 will be the WAHPC dues of \$40. Motion to accept the year end budget for 2010 and the new 2011 budget made by Commissioner Kampa, seconded by Commissioner Hemmen, motion carried unanimously.
4. Communications: We received a flyer for upcoming events at the Menomonee Falls Historical Society, a folder from Wisconsin Humanities and the WAHPC newsletter.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Commissioner Wicihowski reported that City workers will reframe the sign at the cemetery to cover the cracks that developed in the plastic.
  - b. Gravestone repair status: Same status.
  - c. Commissioner Hemmen reported that the cost for an initial in-depth GPR scan of a 40'x40' area will cost approximately \$1,025. It is very likely that additional scans could cost considerably less than that, but up to seven more areas could be scanned. Based on that quote, Chairperson DeMoss will approach the City for funding with a request for \$4,000. After that discussion she will report back on the results. Motion by Commissioner Kampa to approach Mark Schroeder regarding covering the cost of grave-sounding up to \$4,000, seconded by Commissioner Ament; carried unanimously.
6. **New Business**
  - a. Commissioner Ament will continue pursuing information on the current owners of the historic brick home located on Calhoun Rd. Commissioner DeMoss discussed the possibility of the farmhouse on Coffee Rd. Commissioner Hemmen presented the Miller Family Genealogy with a request from a descendant, Dennis Miller, to get his ancestral home landmarked. Chairperson DeMoss, who has already spoken to the current owner of the building, recommended that Mr. Miller discuss this with Pastor York, stressing the strong historical and religious significance of that home.
  - b. Chairperson DeMoss reported that the City has asked to discontinue mailing our minutes and agendas and sending them via email instead. The general consensus was that most preferred to continue receiving them via the mail. Chairman Ament mentioned that she doesn't feel our Commission should really be meeting at the Library. Since our business must be "transparent", this change of meeting place could make difficulties for the general public. Chairperson DeMoss will present both topics to the City and report back on their response.
7. **Next regular meeting**

February 17, 2011, 6:30pm in the Rotary Room at the New Berlin Public Library.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Wicihowski made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, seconded by Commissioner Pelkola. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,  
Susan Hemmen  
Acting Secretary