

Proceedings of the Landmarks Commission Meeting  
Thursday, April 16, 2009

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laurie DeMoss at 7:02 p.m. Attending were Commissioners DeMoss, Wicichowski, Ament, Hemmen, Pelkola, Kampa, Alderman Seidl and Jashinsky.  
Excused: Commissioner Hermann.
2. Commissioner Hemmen made a motion to accept the March 19, 2009 minutes with the correction “meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.”. Commissioner Kampa seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Seidl abstained due to his absence at the March meeting.
3. Treasurer Wicichowski read the treasurers report, we have \$1,760 in our budget. He added that \$40 was paid to WAHPAC for dues. Cheryl Bowers has asked asked for \$75 to replace matting and two frames for photos in the hallway of City Hall. Motion by Commissioner Seidl and seconded by Commissioner Pelkola to allocate the \$75 for the project. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
  - a. Commissioner Ament reported that work on the “Sittel” cemetery is ongoing. The city attorney is working on a draft agreement with the property owner regarding access to the cemetery. There is also a question regarding a permit or fee in the amount of \$175 to Waukesha County for moving a roadway. This is a unique situation. The city’s engineering department has also been involved in the discussion with Waukesha County, city attorney and property owner. Should there be a sign pointing to the cemetery and where should it be placed. There has been vandalism at the city’s other cemeteries and a sign could invite trouble.
  - b. Commissioner Kampa represents the Landmarks at the planning meeting on the Civic Center and told Commissioners that work is still in progress.
  - c. Chairman DeMoss told Commissioners that the meeting for April for the 2020 Comprehensive Planning Steering Commission will have an addendum to the text. She believes The New Berlin Cultural & Historic Resources Plan should be a stand alone document. She suggested members of the Commission look through the document to identify any corrections. Some corrections already identified are:
    1. Swartz farm. Text referred to industrial buldings. No buildings remain. Cornfalfa farms part of history.
    2. S. Racine or Lower Prospect. Claude Johnson’s property. Should read, “Oldest remaining house in New Berlin”. Built in 1836 by John White and later owned by T. S. Winton. Original foundation. First lumber house in New Berlin. (Add a picture). We can see an outline of the Greek Revival architecture. House is located across from the Faulkner-Cheney-Cooper house on Racine Ave.
    3. Jungbluth house and barn on Sunnyslope Road. No longer there but part of New Berlin history. Our basic mission, “We would like this document to be educational.”

4. Julius Heil. Add: Two term governor. He was listed only as governor of the state.

5. Lincoln Ave. and the log road. There are pictures of the log road and documentation which needs to be found. A former city worker said there was a log house on the road. We may have to pull this information and make a separate district or extension of Lincoln Road.

6. Indians. Mary Ella's book has lots more information to add.

7. Observatory Property p. 12. Commissioner Ament will check with Roger Woelfel and Frieda Hart regarding the information as presented in the document.

8. Any thoughts or corrections send to Laurie.

The next meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee will take place on Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m. at city hall.

There is a large dairy farm in the area of College Ave. and Moorland Road that is seeking a rezoning. The owner, Ray Saltzmann would like to sell the property for industrial, commercial and subdivision use. This area is near Elmwood School.

- d. Update on Luthi Barn Landmark and Chappel Sports/Elger Store status. A public hearing has been schedule for May 21, 2009 at the Landmarks meeting.
- g. Update on Rainbow Restaurant & AT & T tower potential Landmarks. Alderman Seidl told the Commissions that Landmark approval does not need Council approval. The Rainbow Restaurant was built in 1948. In 1981 the owners applied for a separate garage and in 1984 the owners added gables to the roof and altered appearance of the building. The owners would like the building to be a landmark, however the building as been altered. They will have to fill out the paperwork to justify becoming a landmark. A work in progress. Terry Michaels has the paperwork for the AT & T Tower. He has to follow through on getting the information before we decide on landmark status.
- h. Update on "Sittel" cemetery grave location project. Ground penetrating radar systems are needed. Do we need special permits for this excavation? We have a list of people buried there. A WIP.
- i. Other suggestions for future landmarks: Stieff house, Mustang Shelley's, Creamery on Cleveland Ave. and house next to the Round Barn on Calhoun Rd.

5. Next meeting date will be May 21, 2009.

Commissioner Wicichowski made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Pelkola. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Kay Jashinsky, acting secretary