

Minutes of the LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008

The meeting of the Landmarks Commission was called to order by Acting Chairperson Peg Ament at 7:05 p.m. at the New Berlin City Hall.

Roll Call Commissioners: Sheri Kampa, Ron Seidl, June Pelkola, Peg Ament, Gene Wicuhowski, Sue Hemmen and Kay Jashinsky. Excused: Jackie Hermann and Laurie DeMoss.

Minutes from Oct. 16, 2008. Motion to accept by Commissioner Wicuhowski, seconded by Commissioner Hemmen. Unanimous.

Treasurer's report: \$744.98 in the budget. Motion by Sue, seconded by June to accept the report. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on proposed Civic Center Landmark. This is a work in progress. Commissioner Kampa talked to a clock maker in Waukesha who is willing to make a design or plan. She also made mention of the Merton clock tower and encouraged each commissioner to visit the site in downtown Merton. It is estimated that the proposed clock tower (Glockenspiel) will cost about \$200,000 and would be a tourist attraction for the city. Possible sites would be the green space at the Library or at the Veterans Wall of Honor.

*Designation of Historic Districts within the City: Added to these districts is a number (7) which should include information on the New Berlin Observatory and (8) Lincoln Ave. Thus far the Districts include: 1. Calhoun Farms, 2. Kelly Lakes, 3. Woelfel & Observatory Road area, 4. New Berlin Center, 5. Prospect Hill Settlement Historic District, 6. Lower Prospect Hill, the Linnie Lac Mill District, The Stigler Preserve, Conrad Park-Needham farm (New Berlin's first subdivision).

*Update on location of Sunnyside Cemetery brochure. Motion by Sheri, seconded by Gene to replenish our supply of brochures for Sunnyside Cemetery by 100 copies. We have to check with Laurie and Jackie to find the location of these brochures and how many are left.

*Greg Kessler would like us to draft some guidelines for preservation of historical buildings and or property. June submitted the following: "I feel historical buildings should have some of the following points": Preservation is to preserve and protect. Preservation of a building calls for a different type of skills. Responsible stewardship. Statement of our past, good value and design. What characteristics make the building worth preserving? Is it a good example of an important person, event or history? Can the original design be sustained? Can it be documented? Architecture and design are also important. Is it sound structurally and has the original features?

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of disbursement of remaining 2008 budget funds. Consideration of balance to be designated for signage for the Historic Park, specifically Cooper Shop & Post Office. Added to this list was a bronze plaque for the Luthi barn. Motion by

Gene and seconded by June to purchase a bronze plaque for the Luthi house. Estimated cost \$320 to \$381 to include shipping. Unanimous.

- b. Also under consideration is a bronze plaque for the Chappell property. Sue filled out the paperwork for this property. The building is located in Lower Prospect and started on Oct. 8, 1888. It was a country store and in Oct. 1977 was a True Value store. Lenny Chappell bought the building in 1984 and currently operates a Sporting Goods store. He bought the building from the Elgers.

- c. Discussion of final wrap-up meeting of the year.

Our Christmas party will take place on Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Rooms A & B at the New Berlin City Hall. Gene will bring "Grandma's" famous fluff; Sue to bring rolls, mayo and butter; Kay, ham; June, paper products; Peggy, hot potatoes; Sheri, diet soda; Jackie, shrimp & dip?; Laurie, cheese and crackers? Ron-whatever-a surprise. Any questions? Call Kay, 784-1728.

Gene made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheri. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully.

Kay Jashinsky, acting secretary