



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Historic Preservation Commission
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Maple Room
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Blake Opal-Wahoske (C) Jeffry Klapperich
Christine Martens (VC) Keene Winters
Bruce Trueblood (Ex Officio)
Dave Oberbeck Bill Herbert
Patrick Bacher (Ex Officio)
Aaron Griner

Members Present: Blake Opal-Wahoske, Christine Martens, Patrick Bacher, Bruce Trueblood, Jeffry Klapperich, Keene Winters, Aaron Griner

Members Not Present: Dave Oberbeck

Members Excused: William Hebert, Brad Lenz

Present 7, Not Present 1, Excused 2

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 04:36 PM.

1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

May 27, 2026 Regular Historic Preservation Commission and June 9, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Martens, seconded by Commission Member Winters, to approve May 27, 2026 Regular Historic Preservation Commission and June 9, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes. Motion Passed 7-0.

2 Discussion and possible action.

a. Authorizing a public hearing for landmarking Memorial Bridge (Scott Street).

Chair Opal-Wahoske provided background on the historical significance of Memorial Bridge and reviewed the application for landmarking.

Motion by Commission Member Winters, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to approve authorizing a public hearing for landmarking Memorial Bridge (Scott Street). Motion Passed 7-0.

b. Authorizing a public hearing for landmarking Thom Field, 1601 N 10th Street.

Chair Opal-Wahoske provided background on the historical significance of Thom Field and reviewed the application for landmarking. Winters asked if the chair had reached out to the school district to let them know that the commission was considering the landmarking process. Chair Opal-Wahoske reached out to the school district but received no response as of the meeting. Winters would like the commission to have a conversation with the school district before moving forward.

Motion by Commission Member Winters, seconded by Alderperson Trueblood, to table the authorization of a public hearing for Thom Field to the July Historic Preservation Commission meeting after the school district has been contacted. Motion Passed 6-1.

3 Discussion.

a. Update and discussion on landmark consideration of the Schofield House, 1301 Steuben Street.

Chair Opal-Wahoske provided background from the 1983 survey which determined that the property was not eligible for the national or state register but may be eligible for local landmark if there are influential people or happenings at the property since it was moved from 700 block of Grant St to its current location in 1940. The commission would like to explore the history further to determine if the property could be eligible for local landmarking.

b. Update and discussion on landmark or district consideration of UWSP at Wausau, 518 S 7th Ave.

This property was previously identified as an property of interest for the Commission. Chair Opal-Wahoske talked with Marathon County administrator, Lance Leonhard, who explained that Marathon County has an active RFP out for the property. County administrator Leonhard asked that the commission hold off on landmarking until after the sale. Alder Trueblood asked if the state marker could be preserved and Chair Opal-Wahoske will reach out to the state to determine the process.

c. Discussion regarding future landmarks for consideration.

Martens suggested Yawkey Park.

4 Adjournment.

Motion by Commission Member Bacher, seconded by Commission Member Griner, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 05:00 PM.

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