

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 20, 2026

OPENING OF MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Schobert, Fern Lomibao, Travis Gross, Peter Mayer

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Taylor Zeinert and Ellise Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Kelly, William Protz, Jeffrey Freye, Tom Wright, Chris Hanson

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Wendy Schobert called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

3. Approval of minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Peter Mayer, seconded by Travis Gross to approve minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Public hearing regarding the Historic Designation Application by William Protz for property located at 1330 Bluff Avenue.

William Protz thanked the commission for working with him to locally landmark his home.

Motion by Peter Mayer, seconded by Fern Lomibao to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Election of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Peter Mayer, second by Fern Lomibao to nominate Wendy Schobert as the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Travis Gross, second by Fern Lomibao to nominate Peter Mayer as the Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried.

6. Discuss the Historic Designation Application by William Protz for property located at 1330 Bluff Avenue

William Protz discussed his home and his efforts to get his home on the State or Nation Register of Historic Places.

Motion by Peter Mayer to designate 1330 Bluff Avenue under paragraph 105-1006(d)(1)(c) as a historic structure because it embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship.

Fern Lomibao seconded with an amendment to the motion to designate with the acknowledgement of the proposed modification to the gutters.

Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Certificate of Appropriateness for the Grace Episcopal Church rectory at 630 Ontario Avenue.

Tom Wright discussed how the church is working to improve the rectory, and the proposed fence.

Motion by Peter Mayer, seconded by Travis Gross to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion carried.

8. Discuss 2025 Year End Review.

Wendy presented a draft slideshow for the year end review to Council.

9. Discuss designating the Fountain Park Monument.

Commission to review newspaper articles from Travis Gross.

10. Discuss designating Highland Terrace Neighborhood.

The commission discussed inviting neighbors of the Highland Terrace Neighborhood to a meeting in August.

11. Discuss signage for the former Armory site.

The commission discussed applying for a grant for the armory signage.

12. Discuss the Commission vacancies and Historic Preservation Regulations.

This item will be moved to the May agenda for a more robust conversation.

13. Discuss broadening the commission member background requirements.

The commission discussed removing the background requirements for commission members.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding meeting date and time for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Travis Gross, seconded by Peter Mayer to adopt the meeting day and time of the third Monday of the month at 3:30pm. Motion carried.

15. Update on Urban and Farnsworth Middle Schools.

Wendy introduced the school district with the Sheboygan County Museum.

TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

16. Tentative Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

ADJOURN

17. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Travis Gross, second by Peter Mayer to adjourn. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.