

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, June 11, 2025
At 7:00 p.m.

The Chair, Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Members:

Present- Theresa Szimpl; Vice-Chair, Ralph White; Chair, Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki

Also in Attendance: Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Absent – David Morahan

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission Held Wednesday, May 14, 2025

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Szimpl to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission held Wednesday, May 14, 2025, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Ms. Szimpl, "yes"; Mr. White, "yes"; Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki, "yes".

The vote was 3 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

Landmarks Nominations

Mr. White stated that he had a nomination of Avon Dairy Treat, 37131 Colorado Avenue. He said that he had approached the owner and asked him to accept the nomination and informed him that the Commission would do a nomination tonight and then at our meeting next month, we would complete the application and vote on it. Mr. White said that the owner contacted him today and said that he would accept the nomination. Mr. White added that he had shown the owner a picture of the plaque and told him to display it where it could be seen and be proud of it. When the owner asked what it cost, Mr. White told him that it did not cost anything.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki asked Mr. White, for the record, who is the owner of the Dairy Treat and Mr. White said the Reynolds family owns it. Rick Reynolds is the youngest son, he believes, and there is also Ronny and his wife. The parents are elderly, but they are still involved. Rick Reynolds had to ask everybody in the family about the nomination. So, they accept, and we will have the application at the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and will vote on it. Mr. White told Mr. Reynolds that we will contact him ahead of time because our meeting is during the Dairy Treat hours and if he cannot make it, that is not a problem. Mr. White said the Commission will vote on it and then he will deliver the plaque to Mr. Reynolds.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki asked how long the Dairy Treat has been in business and Mr. White responded since 1958. Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki then asked if the original owners were Rick Reynolds' parents. Mr. White answered, no, the original owners were the Schneider sisters. Ms. Szimpl clarified that the original owners were Bertha Schneider and her daughters.

Ms. Szimpl noted that another potential landmark that Mr. Morahan had mentioned at the previous meeting was the Avon Boot Shop. She thought that they needed to have some discussion about that and suggested that discussion be deferred to the next meeting to see what our scope of that nomination would be since Avon Boot has only been at its current location for 20-25 years. So, the business has some longevity but what about the

location; how do we want to look at that? Mr. White said he thought that the location is important because that is really what we are doing. It is the business, but it is also the building. Ms. Szimpl said, and that is one of the things that we probably want to look at - other businesses in Avon which may have started in the 1950s or 1960s and are still in their present location, such as Willoway or Fitch Farms or Pickering Hill Farms. Would they qualify? Mr. White stated that in the past, the Commission did discuss the Pickering barn behind the store. Mr. White said we would vote on it but we never really revisited the idea. So that is another idea.

Landmarks Letters of Recognition

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki asked Mr. White if he had any letters of recognition this month and Mr. White answered that he did not. Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki then asked Ms. Szimpl if she had any that she would like to mention and Ms. Szimpl responded, not at this time.

Avon Center Cemetery- Ohio Historical Marker Application

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki advised that the application was submitted but we have not received any additional responses, and she asked Ms. Szimpl if she had anything else to add and Ms. Szimpl said she had nothing at this time.

Reports and Comments

Members:

Ms. Szimpl stated that, if we do not get approval of our application for the Avon Cemetery, making a re-application should probably be kept on our agenda for the fall or winter. And then maybe we can start reviewing our list of landmarks so that it could potentially be a winter project if we have time for it as a Commission. The list was revised in 2024, but we might want to revisit that just to see if there are any changes.

Mr. White said that he had not received an email from the State acknowledging the receipt of the application for the Cemetery and Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki noted that last month it was mentioned that the email acknowledgement was received from Laura Russell, Historical Markers Program Manager, on May 14, 2025.

Mr. White reported that the following repairs/improvements were made to the Old Town Hall last month: the wall along the steps going down to the cellar area has been repaired and backfilled, an old, big tree that was next to the building has been removed, and a step was added to the top sandstone step so now there is a half-step that makes it easier for an elderly person or someone who had a hard time making that big step. Additionally, a grab bar will be installed so there will be something to hold on to once a person gets to the threshold of the door.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki stated that is wonderful; there have been several comments made about the step that actually goes into the building being quite large.

Audience:

There were no audience comments.

Adjourn: 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Szimpl to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the vote was: Mr. White, "yes"; Ms. Szimpl, "yes"; Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki, "yes".

The vote was 3 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

The Chair announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Hayden, Interim Assistant Clerk of Council

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki, Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council