

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, January 14, 2026
At 7:00 p.m.**

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

Roll Call

Members:

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

Also in Attendance: Anne Kish, Assistant Clerk of Council

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission Held Wednesday, December 10, 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, December 10, 2025, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was Mr. Morahan, "yes"; Ms. Szimpl, "yes"; Mr. White, "yes"; Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki, "yes".

The vote was 4 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

Landmarks Nominations

Mr. White, Ms. Szimpl, Mr. Morahan and Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki reported that there were no Landmark Nominations for this month.

Landmarks Letters of Recognition

Mr. White, Ms. Szimpl, Mr. Morahan and Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki reported that there were no Landmark Letters of Recognition.

Avon Center Cemetery

Ohio Historical Markers Program

Ms. Szimpl reported that she had reached out to Laurel Russell of the Ohio History Connection regarding the 2026 electronic application format, which had errors on their website. Ms. Russell confirmed that the website administrator would address the issues and remove references to America 250, which was a special call from the previous year. Once the corrections are made, the process of finalizing the application and uploading supporting documents for the Avon Center Cemetery's Ohio Historical Marker can begin. Ms. Szimpl suggested that before she and Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki start the formal application process, it would be wise to gather thoughts and comments from the remaining Commission Members to ensure they all agree that the application should move forward for 2026.

During the discussion, Mr. White advised resubmitting the application as it was, without making any changes, unless others wanted to revise it. His stance was that they should keep submitting the application until it gets approved, although he acknowledged they might eventually decide to view it differently. For now, Mr. White expressed confidence in the application, emphasizing that it should remain the same, as he believed it was good the way it was. He was open to others making revisions if they wanted but didn't think it was necessary.

Ms. Szimpl's only comment was to confirm that all Commission Members were in agreement. She also proposed sending a quick update to Julie Short, a freelance writer for the West Life News, about the Avon Center Cemetery marker application, to create public awareness. Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki enthusiastically supported this idea, emphasizing the positive impact of community awareness, not only for the Ohio Historical Marker but for the cemetery itself. She remarked that community involvement is beneficial and vital. The Commission Members agreed that community awareness would bolster efforts and possibly garner additional support for their endeavors.

Wreaths Across America Recap

Ms. Szimpl provided an in-depth recap of the Wreaths Across America event which took place on Saturday, December 13th, 2025. The event garnered participation from various members of the community, including members of the Avon Historical Society, the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission, Councilwoman-at-Large Mary Berges, and John Callahan. Photos accompanying the narrative illustrated the attendees, comprising Commander Kerry Barvincak from the Avon VFW, John Callahan, Christine White, Ralph White, Leonard Czarnecki, Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki, Jim Szimpl, and Mary Berges. Ms. Szimpl, who was the photographer for the event, captured these moments to retain a visual record.

The event was marked by a solemn yet celebratory spirit as 23 wreaths were respectfully laid throughout the Avon Center Cemetery. The ceremony additionally honored the Military with eight wreaths placed at the monument, each symbolizing the different branches of the Military. This act of remembrance was further accentuated by Mr. Barvincak from the Avon VFW Post 735, who concluded the ceremony with a moving rendition of taps, lending the affair an aura of poignant tribute.

Furthermore, Ms. Szimpl made a point to commend Mr. White for his proactive role in marking the 23 gravesites in advance of the event, ensuring everything was in place for the day's activities. She also informed that, due to adverse weather conditions involving severe winds, she and her husband had to remove the eight wreaths from the monument site. Moreover, construction activity at the corner necessitated this precautionary removal. The stands from these wreaths have been safely stored and are set to be housed at the Avon Old Town Hall with the Historical Society, ensuring the preservation and readiness for future use.

Reports and Comments

Members:

Mr. Morahan had no comments.

Ms. Szimpl had no comments.

Mr. White reported receiving a phone call from a citizen named Jim Schober who was inquiring about the status of the family's property on 34402 Chester Road regarding its inclusion on the Landmark List. Mr. White checked the list and confirmed that the property was not listed as a Landmark. The property, which spans approximately 55 acres, is currently for sale. Alongside it, the neighboring barn, owned by someone else, is also for sale. Mr. White suggested that the barn was likely part of the original parcel before it was split up.

During the conversation, it was indicated that the new owners would probably have intentions to

demolish both the barn and the house, which was speculated upon concerning the property's future changes. Mr. White mentioned that Jim Schober intended to share Mr. White's contact information with the prospective purchasers should they have any questions regarding the property. Since the property is not on the Register of Landmarks List, there are no preservation restrictions that the new owners would need to be concerned with, leaving them free to make alterations or demolitions as they saw fit.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki had no comments.

Audience: There were no comments from the audience.

Adjourn: 7:09 p.m.

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

The vote was 4 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, February 11, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Kish, Assistant Clerk of Council

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Kish, Assistant Clerk of Council