



**Village of Thiensville  
Historic Preservation  
Committee  
AGENDA**

**Date:**  
Tuesday, August 5, 2025

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LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Chairman**

Richard Longabaugh

**Staff**

Director of Community  
Services/Public Works Andy  
LaFond

**Commissioners**

Joe Miller

Angelina Apostolos

Philip Eckert

Nate Matson

Kim Hauswirth

Linda Unkefer

**III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

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**IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. June 3, 2025 (att)

**VI. BUSINESS**

A. Continued Discussion and Review of Plaque Program and Verbiage (att)

## VII. ADJOURNMENT



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE  
Historic Preservation Commission  
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Chairman**

Richard Longabaugh

**Staff**

Director of Community  
Services/Public Works Andy  
LaFond

**Commissioners**

Joe Miller (not present)     Nate Matson (excused)

Angelina Apostolos (not  
present)     Kim Hauswirth

Philip Eckert     Linda Unkefer

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None

**IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

## V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 6, 2025 (att)

**MOTION** to Approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2025 Meeting by Commissioner Eckert **SECONDED** by Commissioner Unkefer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 4

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## VI. BUSINESS

A. Review and Action Regarding Verbiage of Plaque for 177 Green Bay Road (att)

Chairman Longabaugh welcomed Kim Hauswirth to the Historic Preservation Commission as a new Commissioner.

Director Lafond reviewed the history of bronze plaques in the Historic District.

Director LaFond further explained that a grant had recently been awarded to the Historic Preservation Commission which will help to accelerate the rate at which plaques can be distributed to historic buildings throughout Thiensville.

Chairman Longabaugh stated that four revised options have been presented to the Commissioners for review and selection at 177 Green Bay Rd.

The Commissioners discussed the four options.

**MOTION** to Adopt Version B-1 for the Plaque at 177 Green Bay Road by Commissioner Unkefer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Continued Discussion and Review of Plaque Program and 2025 MTCF Grant Award (att)

Director LaFond presented a map to the Commissioners showing properties in the Green Bay Road historic district and noting which ones do not yet have plaques as well as which of these properties contribute to the National Historic District.

Director LaFond suggested that the Commissioners decide between the five Green Bay Road

properties without plaques, that are in the National Historic District, or selecting properties for plaques by moving north to south through the Green Bay Road district.

The Commissioners discussed the properties, prioritizing those that are in the National Historic District.

Director Lafond further explained that these properties, as National Historic District properties, have existing narrative that can be used to assist in formulating plaque language.

The Commissioners discussed that the goal would be to complete the project by awarding five plaques in November.

Chairman Longabaugh stated that the Commissioners were comfortable moving forward with the five discussed properties and that language could begin to be drafted for the next five plaques.

Commissioner Eckert reminded the Commission that when the presentation of the plaques approaches, the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation would like to do a big check presentation.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

### A. May 2025

Director LaFond reported no new projects this last month.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn at 6:24 PM by Commissioner Hauswirth. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 4

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck  
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen  
Village Administrator/Clerk

1-A 255 <i>characters</i>	<b>157 Green Bay Road</b> John Gierach Blacksmith/Grocery Shop Built in 1889 with additions c.1913, this front-gabled vernacular structure began as a blacksmith shop before becoming a grocery store. It reflects Thiensville's early commercial development & evolving community needs.
1-B 268 <i>characters</i>	<b>157 Green Bay Road</b> John Gierach Blacksmith/Grocery Erected in 1889 & expanded circa 1913, this front-gabled vernacular building first housed a blacksmith shop. Later converted into a grocery store, it showcases Thiensville's transition from trade-based services to neighborhood commerce.
1-C 279 <i>characters</i>	<b>157 Green Bay Road</b> John Gierach Blacksmith & Grocery Built in 1889 & remodeled around 1913, this vernacular front-gabled building began as John Gierach's blacksmith shop. Later converted to a grocery store with living quarters in back, it reflects Thiensville's shift from trades to local commerce.
2-A 252 <i>characters</i>	<b>163 Green Bay Road</b> Andrew Hilger Residence Built circa 1903 by local businessman Andrew Hilger, this home blends Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. It reflects the architectural shift of the era & Hilger's role in Thiensville's growth through his tin & coal business.
2-B 266 <i>characters</i>	<b>163 Green Bay Road</b> Andrew Hilger Residence Constructed in 1903 by Andrew Hilger, a key figure in Thiensville's early business community, this private residence features elements of Queen Anne & Colonial Revival architecture, capturing the stylistic transition of the early 20th century.
2-C 261 <i>characters</i>	<b>163 Green Bay Road</b> Andrew Hilger Residence Built circa 1903 by Andrew Hilger, a prominent Thiensville businessman, this home reflects a blend of Queen Anne & Colonial Revival styles. Hilger ran a tin & coal shop nearby, & the residence remained in the Hilger family into the 1940s.
3-A 263 <i>characters</i>	<b>165-169 Green Bay Road</b> Jaeger-Schaefer Residence Built circa 1903, this notable Queen Anne residence features ornate detailing & a complex roofline. It exemplifies early 20th-century residential development in Thiensville & adds to the architectural character of the historic district.
3-B 293 <i>characters</i>	<b>165-169 Green Bay Road</b> Jaeger-Schaefer Residence Built in 1903, this private home is a distinguished example of Queen Anne architecture, featuring intricate decorative details & complex rooflines. It reflects the early 20th-century residential growth in Thiensville & enriches the historic character of the district.
3-C 274 <i>characters</i>	<b>165-169 Green Bay Road</b> Jaeger-Schaefer Residence This Queen Anne home, built in 1903, features decorative details & complex rooflines. Owned first by Sophia & John Jaeger, likely as their retirement home, it was later purchased by Julius Schaefer, who co-owned the Thiensville Mill from 1912-1944.

<p><b>4-A</b> 285 <i>characters</i></p>	<p><b>171–175 Green Bay Road</b> Geidel-Hadler Residence Constructed in 1884, this Queen Anne-style home features ornate woodwork &amp; an asymmetrical façade. It is historically significant for its association with the Geidel and Hadler families, key figures in Thiensville’s harness-making industry &amp; local development.</p>
<p><b>4-B</b> 266 <i>characters</i></p>	<p><b>171–175 Green Bay Road:</b> Geidel-Hadler Residence Built in 1884, this Queen Anne home showcases elaborate woodwork &amp; an asymmetrical design. It honors the Geidel and Hadler families, influential in Thiensville’s harness-making trade &amp; instrumental in shaping the town’s early economic growth.</p>
<p><b>4-C</b> 294 <i>characters</i></p>	<p><b>171–175 Green Bay Road</b> Geidel-Hadler Residence Built c.1884, this Queen Anne home features ornate woodwork &amp; an asymmetrical façade. Originally owned by Henry Geidel, a local harness maker, it was sold in 1893 to apprentice Otto Hadler, whose family sustained Thiensville’s harness business into the mid-20th century.</p>
<p><b>5-A</b> 299 <i>characters</i></p>	<p><b>183-185 Green Bay Road</b> Hadler Family Residence Built in 1912 by the Hadler family, this vernacular-style home retains its original form despite modern siding. Owned by the family into the 1950’s, it exemplifies early 20th-century residential architecture &amp; contributes to the historic character of Thiensville’s district.</p>
<p><b>5-B</b> 280 <i>characters</i></p>	<p><b>183-185 Green Bay Road</b> Hadler Family Residence Built c.1912, this vernacular-style home was the residence of Otto Hadler, who operated a business just south of the property. Despite modern siding, it retains its original form &amp; now serves as a duplex, reflecting early 20th-century Thiensville character.</p>
<p><b>5-C</b> 283 <i>characters</i></p>	<p><b>183-185 Green Bay Road</b> Hadler Family Residence Constructed in 1912, this home was built for Otto Hadler, a local businessman. Now a duplex, it still reflects its original vernacular form. Typical of early Thiensville residences, it tells the story of working families who lived steps from their livelihoods.</p>