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Committee: Landmarks Commission	Meeting Date: 1/7/2026
Item Number: ID#25-02208	
Subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of Springs maintenance and potential “Friends of the Springs.”	

Details: The Landmarks Commission is responsible for maintaining four historic spring sites – Acme Spring, Hobo Spring, Minniska Spring, and Silurian Spring. There is no maintenance budget, and no maintenance staff are assigned to the springs, so maintenance needs to be done primarily using volunteer labor and alternative funding sources such as grants and donations. In the past, the unofficial Springs Committee helped spearhead maintenance projects. However, the committee members have had to step back for various reasons, and they have not met in some time.

The City has several “Friends” groups which help solve similar problems in other areas. The Friends of Prairie Home Cemetery, Friends of the Waukesha Library, and Friends of Waukesha Parks, Rec, and Forestry fundraise, organize volunteers, and provide other assistance to the Cemetery, the Library, and the Parks respectively. Friends of the Waukesha Springs or Friends of Historic Waukesha could provide similar assistance for the springs.

The Landmarks Commission should brainstorm ideas for how such a group could work, or for other options to help maintain the springs as an ongoing cultural asset for the community.

Relevant Secretary of the Interior Standards: N/A

Paint and Repair Grant info: N/A.

Staff Recommendation: N/A.

