

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2015 6:30 P.M. Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall.

Present: Ken Etten, Dee Fiske, Louise Rayppy, Mary Tanner, Patrick Quinn. David Desimone, the Executive Director of Black Point, was also present.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of January 8, 2014.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. On February 14, there will be a free Train Show with numerous exhibitors. The membership for the museum is now at 105. On the evening of the February 19, there will be a Chamber reception with the presentation of the oil paintings of the Dr. & Mrs. Maxwell. There were over 90 visitors for the Tuesday at Two presentation on the asylums of Lake Geneva.

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building. On the evening of the February 17, The Friends of the Geneva Theater will have an Open House and presentation on the significance of the restoration of the theater as a community arts center. There will be a Mardi Gras theme and all are invited to attend from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Ken Etten put together a package of information on the theater and mailed it to the Marcus Corporation of Milwaukee with the hope that they might be interested in working with the group as a corporate sponsor.

Continued discussion on the updated version of *A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour* booklet and additional discussion with David Desimone, the Executive Director of the Black Point Estate Historic Site, regarding working with the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission and the Geneva Lake Museum in creating a guided tour of the City of Lake Geneva with docents. *The updated Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour pamphlet was approved and sent to the publisher for printing of 1,000 copies. It was agreed that they would be offered free of cost to the public.*

Report and discussion regarding two proposed new Historic Signs from Timberline Signs listing Civil War and other veterans buried at Pioneer Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery.

We are waiting for warmer weather for the installation of the signs by the Street Department.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from historic consultant John Notz

This is an ongoing project pending additional research.

Review of recent Plaque Program applications, and information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation.

The historic plaques are now available for \$130.00

Review of potential projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, educational programs and updates on the website.

[www. historiclakegenva.org](http://www.historiclakegenva.org).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Fiske