

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES, MARCH 21, 2013, 6:30PM

1. Chairman Etten calls meeting to order 6:30pm.
2. Roll Call: Mary Tanner, Ellyn Kehoe, Ed Yaeger, Ken Etten, Dee Fiske, Jackie Getzen (arrived at 6:50), Patrick Quinn (absent). Also in attendance: Louise Rayppy.
3. Yaeger/Fiske motion to approve minutes of 2/14/13: unanimously approved.
4. Comments from the public. Someone asked if the contents of a house being torn down had any historical items that could be salvaged. Chairman Etten replied that the State Historical Society sent a letter saying that, because it was a contributing structure in the historic district, there had to be a 30-day notice given before the building could be torn down. Discussion followed. Alderman Kehoe described how a historic building next to her started to be torn down without the proper permits and waiting period. In order to better coordinate matters such as these in future, Chairman Etten has given a list to Building Inspector Brugger and City Administrator Jordan of all the buildings that are on the National Register and the historic district so they can give the 30-day notice to the state in future. More general discussion followed.
5. Report from Geneva Lake Area Museum, Grand reopening May 17 & 18, 2013, workshops every Tuesday at 2pm, Maple Park Board Meeting report.
6. Chairman Etten discusses "Save the Date" event April 27, 2013, and Commission membership annual renewal.
7. Chairman Etten updated the Commission on purchase of theater, interest from a group called Community Investors, and application by Friends of Geneva Theater for possible historic status from the state.
8. Discussion of possibility of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site and proposed joint meeting with Cemetery Commission in April to be coordinated by Alderman Kehoe. During discussion of Item 9, there was a motion by Getzen/Fiske to add to the agenda of the joint meeting with the Cemetery Commission a discussion of future plans for restoration of Pioneer Cemetery. Unanimously carried.
9. Update on Historic Signs at Seminary Park, Whiting House/Hotel Geneva, the Railroad Heritage Trail and Historic Railroad Site.
10. Mary Tanner reported she is working on three plaque applications right now.
11. Discussion on projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC with information from Chairman Etten about activities from other communities, websites, the State Historical Society and magazines.
12. Yaeger/Fiske motion for adjournment at 7:58pm. Unanimously carried.

Transcribed from audio tape.

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/s/Artis M. Roenspies, Deputy City Clerk

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