

# Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2016 6:30 pm at Lake Geneva City Hall

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

Present: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Mary Tanner, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, and Elizabeth Chappell. Dr. Alana Platt from U.W. Whitewater was also present. Jackie Getzen and Michael Rehberg were absent.

Approval of the minutes for the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of 02/11/16.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners.

The museum will have their Annual Meeting on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Chair Exhibit \* Members Only

Grand Opening \* April 15<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7 PM

Chairs Fashion Show April 28<sup>th</sup> \* 6 to 8 PM

\$5.00 for members \* \$10.00 for non-members

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building and the Traver Hotel demolition. Shad Branen from Burlington is now in the process of restoring the Geneva Theater. The agreement between the City and Branen was approved on a 7 to 1 vote by the City Council on 03/14/16. The Friends of the Geneva Theater met with Branen recently and the discussions went well. The Friends need to donate some funds towards the stage renovation; however they are looking for a return favor such as live shows and entertainment. The demolition of the Traver Hotel has now been completed.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The current balance as of 03/09/2016 is \$6,168.25.

Discussions regarding the content to be included in the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour and a possible android version is currently being created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center. Dr. Platt attended our meeting and she showed us on her I-phone how our walking tour will look. Specific features and elements are now in place. We made some small changes to our home page and welcome message. We did not have time to go thru our photos and select the ones we want

**to use on the app. We will do so at a future date at Mary Tanner's home. Dr. Platt will return for our next meeting for further discussions.**

**Discussion re: A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including any new information regarding future walking tours or programs from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. No new information.**

**Report regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission website at [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). No new information.**

**Update from Patrick Quinn regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information and input on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. No new information.**

**Discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including updating sign on Dunn Lumber Building, future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational programs, and updates on our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). No new information. Review of recent Plaque Program applications and information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and Traditional Building & Period Homes magazines. No new plaques have been issued.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Louise M. Rayppy**