

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11, 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, Patrick Quinn, Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Elizabeth Chappell, Jim Davis and Ed Yaeger, as a guest.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of May 14, 2015.

Comments from the public: Ed Yaeger discussed his proposal, which is before the City Council, concerning the history of the railroad in Lake Geneva. He is asking the Council to clean up the turntable site, which is located behind a parking lot, and create a small park to honor the site's history. Renewed interest in this is being provided by an article in the At The Lake magazine, written by Anne Morrissy. Because of the article and support from Ann Morrissy, he hopes this will help his case. He is also asking for our support.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners.
The museum will have a special "Tuesday @ Two" on Saturday July 18th at 10 A.M.

Titled: Sanitariums

On October 10th, the museum will offer a tour of Clear Sky Lodge on South Shore Drive.

Cost: \$125.00 per person.

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

Still for Sale. The Friends of the Theater had a meeting with Tom Hartz, co-owner of Simple Café. He has the theater under contract for purchase. Hopes to build a restaurant in half of the building and turn the other half of the building into an entertainment venue. This is all contingent on Tif funds and approval by the joint review board. Hope this will happen by August.

Continued discussion on the updated version of a Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet.

The booklets have been very popular. Will ask the Chamber of Commerce if they could contribute some money toward the publication of additional copies.

The Black Point Walking Tour starts at the Riviera every Thursday evening from June 18-August 20. From 6:30-8:00 P.M. Price: \$8.00.

The Veranda Views. A Geneva Lake Chautauqua on the veranda at Black Point. July and August, from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. There are six programs lined up for this.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from historic consultant John Notz. No new information. Also discussion about having another "Tales of Lake Geneva" at Horticultural Hall. The date has been set for Sunday August 23th at 1:00 P.M. Patrick Quinn is lining up the speakers. Since we are a City not-for-profit group, there would be no charge for the use of the hall.

Also discussion on John Notz's request for recognition of three extant buildings designed by William Le Baron Jenney on former Maple Lawn property in the City of Lake Geneva. No new information. On July 14th, John Notz will present a "Tuesday @ Two" program at the Geneva Lake Museum on William Le Baron Jenney.

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.

We have two new plaques: 938 Sage Street and 428 Warren Street.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy