

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2016 6:30 p.m. at 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Mary Tanner and Elizabeth Chappell were absent.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of July 14, 2016.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. The museum is having a fundraiser at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club on Wednesday, September 14th. Tickets available for \$75.00 each. RSVP by September 2nd. On the 20th of September the "Tuesday @ Two" will focus on The Life and Times of Author John Powers.

Update on the restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. The Friends of the Theater are trying to decide on a date to meet with Shad Branen. They want to discuss with Shad about donating \$30,000.00 toward the preservation of the stage, in return they would like the use of the stage for a number of dates.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The Commission so far this year has spent \$598.00.

Report regarding the status of the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour currently being created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center. Jackie Getzen has been in contact with Dr. Platt. Apple is still working on this. They have to verify that we are a city commission.

Update re: A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including any new information regarding future walking tours or programs at Black Point from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. I visited the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center on Wrigley Drive and inquired how the Walking Tour booklets were doing. I was told that there was a good demand for them. They were still selling them at \$1.00 each.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Park proposed by Ed Yaeger at May LGHPC meeting. We are waiting for the north plat line to be resolved.

Report 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. Patrick Quinn and Jim Davis are planning to meet with the cemetery committee concerning the cemetery walk that the committee is planning for October.

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. Jackie Getzen has found someone who is interested in restoring the signs on the Dunn Lumber building. Patrick Quinn has received inquiries from people concerning another "Tales of Lake Geneva". Maybe later this year.

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. Jim Sherrin is working on a corrected plaque for the James Simmons' house. The date should be 1867 and not 1862.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy