

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 13, 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, Jim Davis. Elizabeth Chappell, was absent. Charlene Klein, Mark Immer, Maureen Marks, were there as guests. Michael Rehberg was there representing Black Point.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of July 9, 2015.

Comments from the public: Charlene Klein, Mark Immer, and Maureen Marks were there to voice their opposition to the proposal of the School District to purchase the house at 833 Wisconsin Street and demolish it and construct a new parking lot for the teachers. Our Commission had already voted against this plan and had sent a letter to the Mayor and City Council notifying them of our decision.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. The Venetian Night Cruise on August 23rd had a good turnout and a good time was had by all.

A Very special event with Chris Brookes as Lady Bacon.

2:00 to 3:00 P.M. Please RSVP, Members: free, Guests: \$5.00

Saturday August 29th

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

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Most of the people living in the Maple Park area who respond to a questionnaire concerning the proposal of the parking lot at 833 Wisconsin Street was opposed to it.

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

Still for Sale. No contract is currently pending. Tom Hartz is still interested in the theater.

The proposed \$800,000 Tif grant is being held up by the City Council until certain things are ironed out.

Continued discussion on the updated version of a Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet. We have revised parts of the booklet to correct some errors and have had 1,000 more copies published, as they have been very popular.

Michael Rehberg was present to update us about the Black Point Walking Tour. Since there has been a good response, they have extended the tour until September 10th. The tour starts at the Riviera every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Price: \$8.00. It has been mostly attended by local people. We received \$70.00 on July 6th and \$60.00 on July 30th, from Dave Desimone as our share of the Black Point Walking Tour proceeds.

Presentation by Jackie Getzen regarding her discussions with staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center on creation of phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour. Will discuss this further at our next meeting. Michael Rehberg and David Desimone will cooperate.

The Veranda Views. A Geneva Lake Chautauqua on the veranda at Black Point. This series has ended for this year. Dave Desimone commented that this experimental program has had some ups and downs but we learned a lot about what works and will use that information in developing next year's program.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from Historic consultant John Notz. John Notz will pay for the nomination. Patrick Quinn is in communication with Carol Wyant. The "Tales of Lake Geneva" was held on August 23th at 1:00 P.M. at Horticultural Hall. The speakers were: Burly Brellenthin, Colleen Alexander, Muriel Malsch, Clyde Boutelle, Fritz Button. Patrick Quinn as the moderator. The event was well attended.

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.

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.

Request for one new plaque on Main 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 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy