

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 10, 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, Mary Tanner, Patrick Quinn, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Elizabeth Chappell was absent. Guests: Ed Yaeger, Michael Rehberg.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of October 13, 2016.

Comments from the public: We received correspondence from Millie McCormick regarding the 175th Anniversary of St. Francis Church coming up next year. She was wondering if there was anything we could do to honor this.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. The museum is all decorated for Christmas. A Victorian Christmas—December 3, 2016, Free Admission. Tuesday @ 2, December 13—Circus City, Delavan, Wisconsin.

Update on the restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. The restoration is progressing. Should be completed by end of year. Friends of the Theater had a meeting with Shad Branen. They will receive a 25% discount a night for their community groups, not for profit groups, etc.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The Commission so far this year has spent \$673.00. The budget is being reviewed by the City Council.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Park proposed by Ed Yaeger at May LGHPC meeting. Ken Etten delivered three packets of information regarding our proposal for a Historic Railroad Site to City Hall. He spoke to Elizabeth Chappell by phone concerning this proposal. She said she would support it. We are planning on speaking at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, December 5.

Discussion regarding the status of the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center

and options for getting the app in the Apple App Store. Nothing has been resolved concerning this since our last meeting. App needs to have city sign off on this.

Update regarding A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet and any new information relating to future walking tours or programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael attended our meeting and gave us \$18.00 from selling our Walking Tour books. Black Point will be having a series of Veranda Views at Horticultural Hall this winter. Black Point is also putting together classes about history and Preservation and will also include the Historic Preservation Commission at Big Foot H.S. and Badger H.S. Adult Education.

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.

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. Will have another "Tales of Lake Geneva" next summer.

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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy