

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017 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. Guests: Brad & Kit Bandow of Brushfire Signs.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of December 8, 2016.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. Author Jim Davis "Explores Lake Geneva's Historic Chicago Connections"—Friday, February 3rd at 7 p.m. Encore Presentation—Tuesday, February 7th at 2 p.m. at Geneva Lake Museum. Additional Tuesdays @ Two programs: Birds of Wisconsin—Feb. 14th. History of Lake Ivanhoe—February 21.

Update on the restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. The Friends of the Theater are still having discussions with Shad Branen, concerning the \$30,000.00 that they are willing to donate in exchange for the use of the theater for a number of dates. Should open first part of February.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The current balance is \$6,500.00.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by Ed Yaeger and presentation at the Lake Geneva City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on Dec. 5. The plan was rejected at the Dec. 5th City Council meeting. They were afraid they were going to lose control of the property. The Street Department offered to clean the site in the Spring. We can do a foot print and propose it to the City Council. Will ignore discrepancy in lot line. Ed Yaeger has composed a letter on why this property should be preserved. Copies delivered to Ken Etten, Regional News and City Hall.

Update 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 discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper re: getting the app in the Apple App Store. We are waiting for a response from Dan Draper concerning this.

Report regarding A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet and updates re: future walking tours or programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. No new information.

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. Brad & Kit Badow attended our meeting. They are interested in restoring the signs on the Dunn building. They gave us different alternatives on what we can do. We need to obtain a clearer photograph of what the signs originally looked like. Patrick Quinn and Jim Davis are going to meet with Mike Dunn to discuss this with him and also at the same time look at the signs. We voted to go ahead with this project.

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 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy