

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 14, 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, Mary Tanner, Louise Rayppy, and Elizabeth Chappell. Jim Davis was absent. Michael Rehberg was there representing Black Point.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of December 10, 2015.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners.

Track The Past—February 13th, 2016

Free Family Train Day 10 to 4

The museum will be open each day during Winterfest, starting February 3rd.

“Sitting is an Art” Chair Exhibit

April 16, 2016 thru January 16, 2017

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

Still for Sale. City Council has not made any credentials for building. Owner not budging on price and Tom Hartz is not interested in paying the high price. Tif will close in May of 2016. Patrick Quinn said he will talk to Tom Hartz and find out what is going on, and write a letter concerning the theater and why it should be saved. Also will talk to new City Administrator.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The current balance as of 1/12/2016 is \$6,057.75.

Update regarding creation of an I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour and a possible android version presentation by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center. Dr. Platt will be at our next meeting to discuss the future of the app. Will have to decide what is going to appear on the app. Will have Leslie, editor of our Walking Tour booklet, put together the information for the app.

Report on the update of the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission website at www.historyoflakegeneva.org. It is up and running, and it looks great, thanks to Jeff Miskie.

Update re: A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including any new information regarding future walking tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael informed us that they will not change the contexts of the walking tour. Thinking about having custom tours, church tours on Sunday mornings, expanding into the neighborhoods and a spooky Halloween walking tour. Will start in June and only one tour a week. They also need more docents. Received a check from the Visitors Bureau for \$39.00, to finish off the year from selling the Tour books at \$1.00 each.

Discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational presentations and programs, and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Had a discussion concerning restoring the Pillbury sign on the old storage building at Dunn Lumber. Also having a plaque. Elizabeth will help out with this. Will have another "Tales of Lake Geneva" after Memorial Day.

Update from Patrick Quinn 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.

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 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy