

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2015 6:30 P.M. Lake Geneva City Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Etten at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall.

Present: Ken Etten, Dee Fiske, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Mary Tanner. Patrick Quinn and Ellyn Kehoe were absent. Michael Rehberg and David Desimone, the Director of Black Point, were present as guests.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of December 11, 2014.

Comments from the public: Michael Rehberg and David Desimone discussed a future Historic Walking Tour with docents. We will be working together on this and they will return for the next meeting.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners Association: On January 31, the Geneva Lake Museum of History will be offering sleigh rides as part of Winter Fest and will be doing an ice cutting demonstration. On February 14, there will be a free Train Show with numerous exhibitors.

Update on the Geneva Lake Theatre Building: The Historic Preservation Commission is hoping that the City will help with the purchase of the Geneva Theater Building for a Community Cultural Arts Center.

Ken Etten has received some very early photos of the interior of the Theater from Andrew Schneider of Chicago. The photos detail the very elegant exterior and interior that once existed...

Report from Patrick Quinn and discussion on the status and updated version of A Historic Geneva Walking Tour booklet: Patrick has agreed to modify the initial report and to make some significant changes to the structure of the Tour. We will have a discussion on our next meeting as to how to proceed and how to coordinate our efforts with Black Point and the Geneva Lakes Area Museum.

Report and discussion regarding the status of the installation of two new Historic Signs from Timberline Signs listing Civil War and other veterans buried at Pioneer Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery: We are waiting for warmer weather for the installation of the signs by the Street Department.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from historic consultant John Notz: This is an ongoing project

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 Commissions. A new plaque was added at 930 Sage Street.

Update re: potential projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, educational programs and updates on the website, [www. historiclakegenva.org](http://www.historiclakegenva.org).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Fiske