

## **Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**February 14, 2019 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, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, and Cindy Flower. Jackie Getzen, Jim Davis, Grace Hanny were absent. John Notz, Tim Dunn, Gail Klein were guests.**

**Comments from the public and correspondence. None**

**Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: Virtual Tour of Yerkes Observatory—March 5th; Lake Geneva's Pioneers—The Payne Family-- March 19th.**

**Update on programs at the 1928 Geneva Theater Building, restoration work at The Riviera and local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. Geneva Theater Actors Guild: The Odd Couple—Female Version, by Neil Simon. Dates: Wednesday 2/20 at 7:30 P.M. and Friday 2/22 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Black Point is having their Winter Local History Series at Badger H. S.**

**Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 expenditures. Last year we spent a total of \$230.00. So far this year we are in good shape.**

**Update on Historic Preservation Design Review for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and on current potential building projects including the possible relocation of the 1902 Frank Johnson Residence / Bricks & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva Street. Mr. George's design for the new building should be compatible with the neighborhood, if this occurs. Seems like moving the house is the only option.**

**Update regarding the completion of the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site project and discussion with Nancy Yaeger re: planning for plaque dedication and memorial tree donation for Ed Yaeger in April of 2019. Nancy hasn't gotten back to Ken yet about the dedication and what she would like on the plaque. Ken will give her a call. The dedication will take place on Arbor Day, April 26.**

**Update from Josh Sullivan regarding the creation of an Android version of our I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including potential photo additions and upgrades. Lana Kropf (City Clerk) renewed the developer license and the Walking Tour app is up and running again. Josh is working on the Android version.**

**Report on rehangng the 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations banners including any replacements, repairs or revisions to banners and storage of banners at the Street Department. Chris brought up the idea that it will be the 10th Anniversary of our banners and that they should be displayed in recognition of this and there should be a press release concerning this and why they are being displayed.**

**Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", and updates on our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). The Geneva Lake Museum would like to host the "Tales of Lake Geneva" this year. Patrick said that he received quite a few requests to have "Burly" Brellenthin once again speak.**

**Review the status of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$152.98 each (including sales tax), application forms, ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients, and repairing existing historic signs. We voted to approve a plaque for Kevin Heffernan, 1129 Park Row—1900.**

**Update from Patrick Quinn regarding meeting with Gail Klein, John Notz, and others regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. John Notz and Gail Klein attended our meeting concerning this. We hired Gail (Historic Consultant) to put together this for us. We signed a contract with her for a total fee of \$1,740.00. We made a down payment of \$518.00, which we gave to her at the meeting. She was also given a W-9 form which she needs to fill out for the City. Patrick took her on a tour of the cemetery. Submit to Wisconsin Historical Society for approval, will take time with Historical Review Board, but once approved it usually goes quickly with the National Park Service. Probably will take a year.**

**Update on information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. We reviewed the information.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Louise M. Rayppy**