

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018 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. Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Jim Davis and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Provisional member: Chris Brookes.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of February 8, 2018.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Michael Rehberg attended our meeting.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Chris Brookes is on the committee to organize this year's Lantern Tour in Maple Park. "History Loves Music", Fundraiser at the Museum: April 26th from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Reservations required—\$40.00 per person. Annual Member Meeting: Sunday, April 29th, 1:00 P.M. Tuesdays @ Two: Frank Lloyd Wright and The Geneva Hotel—April 3rd.

Update on the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building, restoration work at The Riviera and other local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. The Geneva Theater Actor's Guild will present the play "The Fourth Wall", with Chris Brookes on March 15th.

Review of newsletter and any updates re: future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael said that their Winter programs at Badger High and Big Foot were a success. Michael and Dave have created some new presentations: "We Can't All Be Museums" & "Why do they Call it That".

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget. The current balance is: \$3,500.00. We renewed our membership in the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions with \$40.00.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site and the plan for the Proposed Historic Railroad Site, status of project approval by the City of Lake Geneva, and schedule for work to proceed this year. Ken went to the site to see how it looks and what we should do next. Ken and Jon Foster, City Arborist, will meet there in the future and will examine the site and see where the "ghost footprints" should be.

Discussion regarding the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt at U.W. Whitewater Innovation Center, potential photo additions and upgrades, and contact Josh Sullivan re: creating of an Android version. Ken contacted Josh in regard to developing the Android app version. Josh agreed to work with us within our budget on a part time basis. He needs all resources and documentation pertaining to the project. We approved of this. Dave Desimone, Black Point, said our walking tour app was nicely done. He volunteered to help us advertise it in various publications. Dave sent Ken a draft for our review and dated it for release May 1st.

Discussion regarding potential new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", the possibility of using the historic Geneva Theater, updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, and restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street. Patrick Quinn will talk with Mike Dunn in the Spring regarding the wall signs. We will have the "Tales of Lake Geneva" at the Theater in May. Need to have brochures printed up.

Update 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. Research will resume in the Spring concerning Oak Hill Cemetery.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications and the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$145.00 each. Need to contact Jim Sherrin about if he has a record of plaques that were made.

Update on 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. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy