

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, and Cindy Flower. Patrick Quinn was absent. Dick Malmin was our guest.

Approval of minutes from February 14, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Dick Malmin attended our meeting to bring to our attention the issue of a dangerous green algae called Starry Stonewort that has been spotted in the Trinke Estates lagoon. It has to be destroyed in order to protect our lake. He is asking for our help.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: The Most Extraordinary Person to Have Ever Lived in Lake Geneva -- John Burton -- April 2nd; Land Grabs & Frontier Justice—Walworth County Style—April 9th.

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: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Dates: Wednesday 3/20 at 7:30 P.M. and Friday 3/22 at 10:00 A.M. The City is busy collecting information concerning The Riviera—deciding first what to do with it before starting the roof.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. The tours at Black Point will start May 4th.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 expenditures. We renewed our membership in the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions for \$40.00. Also \$580.00—Oak Hill Cemetery and \$104.45 to renew our Walking Tour app. Our total budget for 2019 is \$5,000.00.

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 / Brick & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva Street. City Council approved the moving of the Brick & Mortar Building to 333 Center Street.

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. We have ordered the plaque for the dedication, which we will pay for. The Tree Board will donate the Oak tree. The Tree Board's meeting is on March 27th. The cost of the granite marker is \$130.00. We have to make sure the Regional News covers the event. The dedication will take place on Saturday April 27th at 9:00 A.M.

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 . Jackie will give Josh a call to find out how things are going. Call Lana Kropf (City Clerk) to make sure our app is on the Lake Geneva Web Site. We should give our Walking Tour app to tourist convention, etc. to advertise it. We should be notified when the Walking Tour app is about to expire, and have copies of the transaction. May is Historic Preservation Month, that calls for an article in the Regional News. Cindy suggested that we present ourselves at the Committee of the Whole on May 6th and explain what we are all about.

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. No new information.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Cindy suggested that City Hall should keep a record of all our meetings.

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. Kevin Heffernan called Ken and informed him that he did some additional research and found out that his house was built in 1907 instead of 1900. We will issue a new plaque and Ken told him he could keep the 1900 plaque.

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. It has been submitted to the Wisconsin Historical Society for approval.

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 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy