

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2017 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, Mary Tanner, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Jackie Getzen and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Guest: Chris Brookes.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of March 9, 2017.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Kassie McOmer, 943 Center St. called Ken Etten about work to be done on her house, as she has a plaque. She is replacing her siding and asked for suggestions on color. He informed her that it is up to the owner what color they want to use.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. Shoe La La—Exhibit is open through January 6th, 2018. Tuesdays @ Two programs: The West End—May 16th. An Evening With Neal Aspinall—Wed., May 24th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. Fundraising Event—\$35.00 per person.

Update on the reopening of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. Still working on theater. Don't know when the Grand Opening will be. Ken Etten has sent copies of proposals concerning the \$30,000 that the Friends of the Theater are willing to donate in exchange for something of value. Shad Branen has agreed. Sent legal agreement, but haven't heard from him.

Update regarding future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Black Point is starting up for the new season. They will have tours on weekends only during the month of May. Some special tours during the week.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the 2017 Historic Preservation Commission City Budget. So far this year we have spent approximately \$863.00.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by Ed Yaeger and

creation of a plan for Proposed Historic Railroad Site for review and comment by the City of Lake Geneva. We will bring our proposal to the Committee of the Whole on the 1st Monday in May. We plan to spend a little over \$1,000.00. Will not present it as a park, as the City is against that.

Update regarding the status of the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at U.W.-Whitewater Innovation Center and discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper re: getting the app in the Apple App Store. As far as we know it has been approved by the City Council. But Ken has not received an official notification of this.

Discussion regarding restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street and discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational programs, and updates on our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). Jim Davis and Patrick Quinn are planning to meet with Mike Dunn.

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. Patrick Quinn notified us that a car ran into the fence surrounding Pioneer Cemetery on Warren St. Took part of the fence down. Patrick will try again to contact Carol Cartwright about nominating the cemetery. We will probably have to go a different route. We have no documentation that Cleveland designed the cemetery.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, replacement of 1902 plaque with new 1911 plaque on Stewart Mathison's house, and the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs raised to \$145.00 each. Mr. Mathison picked up his corrected plaque at Ken's office, will return old plaque to Ken.

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 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy