

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes and Grace Hanny. Jim Davis and Tim Dunn were absent. Josh Sullivan was our guest.

Approval of minutes from April 11, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: The Many and Varied Maps of Geneva Lake—May 28th. Ginny Hall will present: Walworth County Cemeteries Part 1—May 21st, Part 2—June 4th.

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, including the announcement that Lake Geneva will host the 2019 Wisconsin Historical Society Conference on October 25-26, 2019, at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa. Geneva Theater Actors Guild: They will be ending their 2018—2019 season with two shows in June. Barefoot in The Park—Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 P.M., and Friday, June 7, 10:00 A.M. Annie JR.—Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 P.M., and Friday, June 21, at 10:00 A.M. We will be participating at the Conference, which will be held at the Grand Geneva in October.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. The Walking Tours will start at The Riviera from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on June 8th and June 22nd—\$10.00 per person.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2019 expenditures. So far this year we have spent \$1,879.45. There was a question about the \$1,000.00 donation that we received from the Ed Yaeger Memorial Fund and why it wasn't showing in our monthly budget report. Ken will call Karen.

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. No new information.

Follow-up regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site and the plaque dedication and memorial tree donation for Ed Yaeger that was held on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The memorial service went well. Nancy Yaeger requested that a bench would be nice to have on the site and the funds could be taken out of the \$1,000.00 donation that we received from the memorial fund.

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. Android app is up and running. Josh advised us that app users who send emails through the app will send to this address: hpc.lakegeneva@gmail.com. Need to transfer ownership of account to City Clerk. The email will be set up to go to Ken. Jeff Miskie suggested that we get a cityoflakegeneva.com account to maintain control. But we need someone to monitor the account. We talked about having a presentation at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3rd, when our Council Member, Tim Dunn, gives his report on the HPC. Ken is in communication with Jeff Miskie on how we can present our Walking Tour. We like to publicize the fact that we have it both on I-phone and Android app. Head of Visit Lake Geneva should display it to the council and Lake Geneva Regional News. We presented Josh with a check for \$1,025.00 for his services.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", and status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. We need to update our city website, will contact Jeff Miskie. Since Dunn Lumber has been sold, Patrick will meet with the General Manager concerning the painting of the signs on the old brick feed store building. Jackie gave us an update on her attending the 2019 WAHPC State Conference in Oshkosh. She talked about State laws pertaining to preservation, how we need laws and how to review them. We need to put Bi laws and ordinances pressure on city council. Jackie will contact Joe De Rose to know how we can update our ordinances, etc.

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. No new information.

Update from Patrick Quinn regarding meetings 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. Patrick has been in contact with Gail Klein and John Notz. Gail thinks it should be wrapped up in about a month.

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 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy