

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 10, 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis and Cindy Flower, our new representative on the City Council. Mary Tanner was absent. Provisional member: Chris Brookes. After Ken had a discussion with Mary Tanner about her membership, we made a motion to approve replacing Mary with Chris Brookes. Ken will contact Mayor Hartz, as he has to approve this.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of April 12, 2018.

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

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. This year's Lantern Tour in Maple Park will be held on September 29th; Maple Park will have their Block party end of June. The Fundraiser at the Museum on April 26th was a success, with 130 paid guests. Badger High School Jazz Band received a donation of \$275.00 at the event. Tuesdays @ Two: Victorian Death and Mourning—June 5th; The 70's—June 12th.

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 \$30,000 that was raised by the Friends of the Theatre is being used by various groups that hold events at the theater to cover their rent.

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 gave us \$21.00 from the sell of the Walking Tour booklets. They had their first Walking Tour on April 6th. The tours take place the 1st and 3rd thursdays of each month until October, from 6:30--8:00 in the evening—cost \$8.00. The Scandalous Tours will take place in October.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget. Our annual budget is: \$3,500.00. So far this year we renewed our membership in the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions with \$40.00. We received a

check from Nancy Yaeger for \$1,000.00 to go toward the Railroad Site. And \$21.00 from Michael from the sell of Walking Tour booklets.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site and the plan for the Proposed Historic Railroad Site, meetings with the City of Lake Geneva Street Department and City Arborist, and schedule for work to proceed this year. Ken will contact Mark Polyock to go ahead and order the pavers. We should go to the site and decide where the pavers should be placed. Jackie will call the Park Board about having a tree planted at the site to honor Ed Yaeger.

Update regarding publicizing the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center, potential photo additions and upgrades, and discussions with Josh Sullivan re: creating of an Android version. Josh has informed us that due to a lack of time, he is unable to work on an Android version. Ken will call Dr. Platt concerning this and also have to correct some errors on the I-phone app. Must notify people about our app at local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.

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 called Mike Dunn about the Wall Signs, have not heard back from him yet. The "Tales of Lake Geneva" will take place the 3rd week of June, Thursday night, at the Theater. The participants are: Dan Derrick, Vern Magee, Peg Williams, Burly Brellenthin. Cindy sent an E-mail to Fred, Building Administrator, referring to the historic district and overlay district. Ken also sent him an E-mail explaining our mission and originally we would be notified of any new projects affecting historic homes. This has not been the case in recent years with change of administrators. Building Administrator responded that when something comes up he will try his best to let us know.

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 informed us that we need someone to do the nomination for us, as Patrick did most of the work, just need it nominated. Have been in contact with Carol Cartwright, haven't heard back from her yet.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$145.00 each, and creating a list of past plaque recipients. The owners at 406 Haskins Street called Patrick about a plaque. They are in the process of remodeling the house.

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 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy