

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of April 13, 2017.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners.

Shoe La La—Exhibit is open through January 6th, 2018. Tuesdays @ Two programs: Victorian Weddings—June 6th. 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. The Grand Opening is planned for June 6th. The Friends of the Theater are still finalizing the agreement between them and Shad Branen. They will pay for the rental of the theater for their various events. Also their monetary contribution will go toward lighting and curtains.

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 another season. Our supply of the 2nd printing of the Walking Tour booklet is out. We voted to order another 1,000 copies. Ken will order them and Patrick will pick them up.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the 2017 Historic Preservation Commission City Budget. So far this year we have spent \$205.17.

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. Ken Etten attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 1st, where he presented our proposal for the railroad site. Nobody on the Council seems to have any objections to it. But we still need to fight for this.

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 UW-Whitewater Innovation Center and discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper re: getting the app in the Apple App Store. Blaine Oborn said necessary documentation for the Apple App Store agreement was signed and sent to Apple on April 17. Dr. Platt will now be able to upload the app to Apple for approval. Nancy Elder, Visit Lake Geneva, is developing a shore path app and is asking for suggestions from us. Jim will contact her to see if she can come to our next meeting.

Discussion regarding restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street and discussions 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. 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. The fence surrounding Pioneer Cemetery on Warren St., end of North St., has been repaired. Two sections were knocked down by a car a few weeks ago. Patrick will try again to contact Carol Cartwright about nominating the cemetery. We will probably have to go a different route. Will investigate the connection between James Simmons and George Sturges concerning the cemetery.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications. The cost of plaques from Timberline Signs are now \$145.00 each. St. Francis Catholic Church will be observing their 175th Anniversary this coming August. We are planning a plaque for the occasion, and maybe some other recognition of the event.

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 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy