

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, and Elizabeth Chappell. Patrick Quinn was absent. Michael Rehberg was there representing Black Point.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of April 12, 2016.

Comments from the public: Ed Yaeger was there requesting our cooperation in helping him make the abandoned railroad site behind the Geneva Lake Area Museum a historic site. Jim Davis went and looked at the site and found the area is all grown over. Jim Davis and Elizabeth Chappell will work at trying to get the area cleaned up and put stones to indicate where the track and buildings were. Our Commission will pay for the survey of the property. It is important to preserve this property as the railroad was so critical to the growth of Lake Geneva. It made Lake Geneva what it is today.

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

Chair Exhibit—April 16, 2016 thru January 16, 2017

As of this date, the museum has received \$17,000.00 in donations for the North Gallery Air Conditioning Project.

Update on the sale and restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. Shad Branen from Burlington has closed on the sale of the theater. He is now starting on the restoration. No new information available at this time.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The only bill we had for this period was for the printing of "Old Times" for \$60.00.

Update regarding the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour currently being created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center. Dr. Platt will be at our next meeting and will give a Power Point presentation of the work in progress of our walking tour app.

Discussion re: A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including any new information

regarding future walking tours or programs at Black Point from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael had a presentation with a group in Racine and sold 32 books, also sold some books at Sun City, Huntley, IL. He suggested that we should continue selling the books at \$1.00 each.

Discussion regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission website at www.historyoflakegeneva.org and any new updates. No new information.

Update regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information and input on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. In order to get it nominated as a historic site, we must find a drawing of the cemetery with Cleveland's name on it.

Discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including updating sign on Dunn Lumber Building, future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational programs, and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. We are trying to find someone who will be able to restore the sign on the Dunn Lumber Building. No "Tales of Lake Geneva" until we are finished putting together the app.

Review of recent Plaque Program applications and 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. No new plaques have been issued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy