

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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, Patrick Quinn, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Elizabeth Chappell was absent.

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

Comments from the public: Ed Yaeger was present to listen to our discussion regarding the proposed railroad site.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. Maple Park homeowners will have their block party on June 25th. As of this date, the museum has received \$20,000.00 in donations for the North Gallery Air Conditioning Project.

Update on the restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. On June 15th, the Friends of the Theater will meet with Shad Branen regarding their plan to donate money toward the preservation of the stage.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The Commission so far this year has spent \$335.50.

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 has everything she needs from us to get the I-phone set up. After app is set up Dr. Platt will work with Jeff Miskie. Need to set up the "Beta" test version for people on walking tour, so we can get feedback. Android version—will know by Fall.

Update 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. We have not heard anything from the Chamber regarding the sale of our Walking Tour booklets. This year Black Point has a booth at the Lake Geneva farmer's market, located at Horticultural Hall every Thursday. The Black Point Walking Tours started June 9th

at 6 p.m. at the Riviera; each Thursday at 6 to 7:30 p.m. thru September 15th.

Discussion regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Park proposed by Ed Yaeger at May LGHPC meeting. Doug Olson is getting an updated survey. Had a discussion about getting the property set up as a park first, then as a local historic site. We must bring this issue to the attention of the Mayor and Blaine Oborn and also get this out to the public. If we can get it under city control, we will have a better chance. Maybe we can get some grants. Still an archaeological site—there are still pits under where the engine house was.

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. No new information.

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](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). No new information.

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 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy