

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny. Jackie Getzen and Tim Dunn were absent.

Approval of minutes from June 13, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Dick Malmin attended our meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the Hillmoor Golf Course. The Friends of Hillmoor want the property to remain undeveloped, more like a nature preserve. Dick will come to our next meeting to keep us updated on this issue.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Museum is having their Venetian Cruise Launching from Williams Bay on Sunday, August 18th. Boarding at 7:15-- Departing at 7:45; \$45 per person, call for reservations. Tuesdays @ Two: History of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion and Organ—July 30th. This program will be held at the Church. Adult Admission Only \$5.00—Wednesdays only through Labor Day.

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. City officials are considering different possibilities for the Riviera as they prepare to move forward with a historic renovation project. We want to promote our Walking Tour at the Conference.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. The Walking Tours start at The Riviera at 11:00 A.M. on August 10th and August 24th—\$10.00 per person.

Review of recent bills, invoices and updated current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2020 LGHPC City Budget. So far this year we have spent \$2,459.45. There was a carryover from 2018 in the amount of \$3,892.00, which was placed in an "assigned" fund balance account. This number includes the

\$1,000 from Ed Yaeger. Basically, we have \$3,500 plus this carryover balance to spend in 2019. The \$1,000 was not put in a separate account.

Update on Historic Preservation Design Review rules and regulations for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and on current potential building projects including the status of the 1902 Frank Johnson Residence / Brick & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva Street. Not moving the building. Mr. George has received permission from the City for renovation work on the building. We have more clout to make comments and review the Historic Preservation Bi Laws than we thought. Jackie is trying to arrange a date when Joe De Rose (WAHPC) can attend one of our meetings. Think about what we want to do for next year. Owners at 322 Madison St., need a variance, if they don't get it, probably will tear the building down.

Follow-up regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, plaque dedication and memorial tree donation for Ed Yaeger, and future bench. Jackie said that Nancy Yaeger wants a bench.

Update regarding the creation of an Android and I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, discussion on how to help publicize new apps including creating a brochure, and future presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. We heard from Steve Targo (L.G. Regional News), that our Walking Tour app does not have correct dates. We used the dates in our Walking Tour booklet and Patrick said those dates are correct. Jim and Patrick will work it out. We will reorder 1,000 more booklets of our Walking Tour. Ken delivered more L.G. Walking Tour booklets to the Museum, who gave him \$24.00 in donations from the booklets. Also delivered booklets to the L.G. Visitor's Center, they are collecting \$1.00 for each booklet, but we haven't seen that money, Ken pointed that out to them. Also booklets at City Hall.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", and status of our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). "Tales of Lake Geneva" will be held in the Fall. Jeff Miskie updated our website.

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 repair of existing historic signs. Also discussion regarding "Pillsbury" and "Gold Medal" wall signs at former Dunn Lumber building. Tom and Kristin Fiety, 915 Dodge St. requesting plaque. Posts on our signs need painting. Grace will call Street Dep't. concerning this. Jackie had a suggestion about having small signs on bottom of our historic signs to advertise our walking tour apps. Will cost about \$300. Grace will call Jackie to ask if her niece can do this. Patrick is trying to set up a meeting at Dunn Lumber concerning the wall signs.

Update by Patrick Quinn regarding National Register of Historic Places nomination by Gail Klein for 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. A suggestion was made to Gail about the importance of the Sturges family in regards to Oak Hill Cemetery and the community. Grace will give Gail a call. Gail will fit in another line or two about the family's importance to the history and development of Lake Geneva. Once that is complete, she will send the nomination to the State Historic Preservation Office for review. Patrick suggested that if Oak Hill is approved, we will need money for a large sign at cemetery entrance to recognize this.

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 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy