

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 14, 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 June 9, 2016.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. Attendance is up at the museum. The museum is in the process of acquiring two new acquisitions: Picture of the lagoon at Big Foot Beach State Park by Vern Hackett, donated by Mars Resort. Also a statue from St. John's Military Academy, which at one time was at Northwestern Military Academy on Geneva Lake. Chris Brooks is donating it to the museum. Patrick Quinn will have a "Tuesdays @ Two" on August 16. On Sunday, August 21, at 8:00 P.M. is the Venetian Night Cruise, \$45.00 per person. Reservations requested. As of this date, the museum has received \$25,000.00 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 met with Shad Branen. The Friends are willing to donate \$30,000.00 toward the preservation of the stage, in return they would like the use of the stage for a number of dates. Maybe museum can hold some "Tuesdays @ Two" programs there.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The Commission so far this year has spent \$533.00.

Report regarding the status of 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 been in contact with Jeff Miskie. Will work together regarding the I-phone app. The Chamber of Commerce will advertise the app. At this time no "Beta" version, maybe down the road. Dr. Platt will discuss this with the Apple store.

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. No new information.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Park proposed by Ed Yaeger at May LGHPC meeting. We are waiting for the survey to be completed. Then we want to get the property cleaned up. We must bring this proposal to the attention of the Mayor and Blaine Oborn and also get this out to the public. Since this property is located behind the museum, maybe they would be interested in getting involved.

Report 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. There was a discussion concerning an upcoming Cemetery Walk in October. Jim Davis, representing the museum, knew nothing about this. As the museum had a cemetery walk several years ago.

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). Mike Dunn is O.K. with the updating of the sign.

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