

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 8, 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes and Tim Dunn. Grace Hanny was absent.

Approval of minutes from July 11, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Museum's 3rd Annual Golf Outing – September 22nd, at Hawk's View – \$55.00 per person. Tuesdays @ Two: The Truth Behind the Novel Black Point, with Chris Brookes – September 10th. The Maple Park Walking Tour- September 14th, first tour 5:30 p.m. Will cover Wisconsin, Warren, Dodge streets, ending at the T. C. Smith house.

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, one is that they are thinking about going back to a tile roof. Could also clean up existing tiles and fix, and therefore could last as long as buying new. 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 September 14th—\$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. We approved two invoices for payment: Advance Printing for printing 1,000 new copies of our Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklets—\$2,280.00, Patrick picked them up. Reimburse Jackie Getzen for attending the Wisconsin Historical Society Conference in Oshkosh back in April, \$97.45—hotel stay. Motion passed that we should ask for a donation of \$2.00 for our books.

We need to start putting together our 2020 Budget Request Letter.

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 / Bricks & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva Street, the Building on the south side of the 700 Block of Main Street, and the House at 322 Madison Street. Next Plan Commission meeting in August will discuss the plans for the Brick & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva St. Not moving the building. We have an appointment on August 27th to meet with Joe De Rose (WAHPC) at Ken's office at 6:30 p.m. Owners at 322 Madison St., thinking about tearing it down-- foundation in bad shape. Chapter 34 Historic Preservation in the current City of Lake Geneva Municipal Ordinance, plus the original H. P. Ordinance as approved in 1996.

Follow-up regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including commemorative plaque, memorial tree, and future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. Contacted Street Dep't and Park Board concerning a bench for the site, waiting to hear back.

Update regarding the status of the Android and I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour and coordinating dates on apps and plaques. Also discussion on how to help publicize new apps and future presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Jim will try to correct the problem concerning different dates on the I-phone and Android app, dates do not coincide. Call City Administrator about having a link on the Chamber of Commerce, Visit Lake Geneva web page about our Walking Tour apps. Jackie suggested we should have a bookmark in various advertisements about our walking tour. Also Gage Marine, Tim will ask. The Avian Committee will advertise our walking tour app on their backpacks.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" and status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. The "Tales of Lake Geneva" will take place at the Geneva Lake Museum in October.

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. Owners at 1115 Wisconsin St. requesting a plaque, will fill out application. Owner at 927 W. Main asked about painting the brick. We approved \$300 to go toward having five small signs made to advertise our walking tour app. They will hang on bottom of our historic signs. Jackie's niece will do this. Patrick talked to Josh Obert, manager at Dunn Lumber, about the wall signs. Will check with headquarters in Dubuque, Iowa. If this is approved, we voted to approve \$4,000 or \$5,000 for one wall sign, the one facing Broad Street. Will contact Brad and Kit Bandow, 262-245-5109, about doing this. Posts on our signs need painting. Grace called Mayor Hartz about this and he suggested Street Dep't will probably take care of this. Call Timberline Signs about restoring signs.

Update by Patrick Quinn regarding status of the 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. The nomination has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for review. Major review will not come until the nomination is scheduled for a Historic Review Board meeting, probably between 6 and 9 months from now.

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 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy