

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017 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, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Jackie Getzen and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Provisional member: Chris Brookes.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of July 13, 2017.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners.
Northwestern Military and Naval Academy Exhibit—Official Grand Opening –Saturday, September 16th from 4:00—6:00. First Annual Golf Outing—Saturday, September 23rd, at Hawk's View; \$55.00 per person. Tuesdays @ Two programs: The Origins of Mardi Gras. Presented by Ken Cramer, September 19th.

Update on the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. The Friends of the Theater has put together a brochure to be distributed to not-for-profit groups, service clubs and charitable organizations interested in using the theater for fundraising events. "The Friends" will cover the rental. The organizations will be responsible for all other expenses.

Report regarding future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Black Point is now having their Thursday evenings walking tours, at 6:30 p.m. from the Riviera.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the 2017 Historic Preservation Commission City Budget. Activity through Fiscal Period 07: \$60.17. We received the bill for our Lake Geneva Walking Tour Booklets. Ordered 1000 booklets, cost: \$990.00. Patrick Quinn picked them up.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by the late Ed Yaeger, creation of a plan for Proposed Historic Railroad Site for review and comment by the City of Lake Geneva and acknowledgement of Ed Yaeger's contribution to historic

preservation in Lake Geneva. We paid our respects to Ed Yaeger, who had recently passed away. He was a past member of our Commission and a tireless leader in trying to persuade the City Council to recognize the importance the railroad played in the history of this town. At the time of his death he was trying to establish a historic railroad site. We have been working on this, and so far little has been accomplished. The City Council seems to be O.K. with this, but little else has been done. We asked Jim Davis if he could ask Ed Schwinn, President of the Museum, if he could write a letter in support of this project.

Update regarding the status of the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center, getting the app in the Apple App Store and creation of an Android version. Ken called Dr. Platt concerning this. She informed Ken that since it is owned by the city, there is little she can do. It is up to the City to straighten this out. All information flows to Sabrina's email. Once the City has taken care of this, then Dr. Platt can take it from there with Apple to get it set up and get it up on the Store.

Report regarding restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street and potential new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Patrick Quinn has been unable to talk to Mike Dunn about the wall signs, he has been unavailable. But Patrick thinks he can convince him, once he has a chance to talk with him.

Update regarding the nomination of 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. No new information. Will review this in the Fall. University of Wisconsin Master Thesis indicates Cleveland designed it.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, updating of the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs to \$145.00 each, and creation of new Historic Plaque for the 175th Anniversary of St. Francis de Sales Parish. We approved a plaque for 222 Warren St., with a date of 1870. Jim Davis received a call from Steve Drebo, 1012 Dodge St. He indicated that the house had a plaque, but when he bought it, the previous owner took the plaque with him. We have no record that the house had a plaque. Will discuss this at our next meeting. St. Francis Church will observe the 175th Anniversary with a Presentation on September 20th, starting at 4:30.

Update on 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. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy