

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2015 6:30 P.M. 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, Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis and Elizabeth Chappell. Charlene Klein, Mark Immer, Dick Malmin, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, were there as guests.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of August 13, 2015.

Comments from the public: Dick Malmin and Mary Jo Fesenmaier were only there for a short time, but they wanted to express their approval of the decision of the School District to withdraw their request for amending the Comprehensive Plan and rezoning of the property at 833 Wisconsin Street. Charlene Klein and Mark Immer stayed for the whole meeting and they were also delighted with the decision of the School District. Had discussion concerning Historic Preservation ordinance. City has to acknowledge it and we need a interpretation of the ordinance from the city. Planning Commission should notify us of any decision pertaining to Historic Preservation within the city.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners.

On October 10th, the museum will offer a tour of Clear Sky Lodge on South Shore Drive.

Cost: \$100.00 per person, 4-6 P.M. Reservations Limited

Trick or Treat on Our Street Sunday-October 25th, from Noon to 1 P.M.

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

Still for Sale. No contract is currently pending. Tom Hartz is still interested in the theater. He had a meeting with Bill Jachimek and it went well. The proposed \$800,000 Tif grant is being held up by the City Council until certain things are ironed out.

Continued discussion on the updated version of a Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet. We have had 1,000 more copies published. Two hundred copies went to the Geneva Lake Museum and two hundred went to the Chamber. Since 8/13, we received \$179.00 from Dave Desimone as our share of the Black Point Walking Tour proceeds. We also received \$86.00 from the Chamber as part of the proceeds from selling the booklet at \$1.00 each.

Presentation by Jackie Getzen regarding her discussions with staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation

Center on creation of phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour. Will discuss this further at our next meeting with Michael Rehberg.

The Veranda Views. A Geneva Lake Chautauqua on the veranda at Black Point . This series has ended for this year.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from Historic consultant John Notz. John Notz has changed his mind and will only pay half for the nomination. On August 24th, Patrick Quinn spoke with Susan Benjamin, who agreed to put together a recommendation for nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery. We agreed to have another "Tales of Lake Geneva" next year. We had about 75 people attending the event this year, and received about \$40.00 in donations.

Also discussion on John Notz's request for recognition of three extant buildings designed by William Le Baron Jenney on former Maple Lawn property in the City of Lake Geneva. 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 and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation.

Request for one new plaque on Main Street.

Review of potential projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, educational programs and updates on the website.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy