

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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, Grace Hanny and Tim Dunn. Jackie Getzen and Chris Brookes were absent.

Approval of minutes from October 10, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: Einstein, Gravitational Waves and the future of Yerkes Observatory -- December 17th. A Victorian Christmas, Saturday Dec. 7th—12 o'clock till 3 o'clock. The museum is putting together a new exhibit in their south gallery. The exhibit will tell the story of Dungeon & Dragons and it's creator Gary Gyax.

Update on programs at the 1928 Geneva Theater, restoration work at The Riviera and local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission and follow-up on the 2019 Wisconsin Historical Society Conference on October 25-26, 2019, at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa. The Geneva Theater Actors Guild's next performance will be Miracle on 34th Street, by George Seaton—Wednesday, 12/11/19, 7:30 P.M. – Friday, 12/13/19, 10:00 A.M. The Friends of the Theater has an application form that allows not-for-profit organizations to use the Theater for fundraisers, maybe we can do that. Ken, Chris and Grace attended the Conference, and it was very informative. We are looking into becoming a Landmark City. Also how do we become a member of the State Historic Preservation Commission. So we can get grants, etc.

Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. No new information.

Review of recent bills and invoices and updated current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2019 Budget and discussion regarding the proposed 2020 LGHPC City Budget. So far this year we have spent \$4,836.90. We have exceeded our budget by \$1,336.90, but it was covered by our carryforward funds. We still have \$2,555.10 in carryforward funds available, if we don't spend them, they will be carried over to 2020. Ken, Chris and Grace will get reimburse for attending the Conference—upon receiving the receipt.

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 St. and the Douglas House at 322 Madison St. Renovation work has begun on the Brick & Mortar Building. The owners of 322 Madison has contacted contractors about what they should do – they still want to tear the house down.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. No new information.

Discussion regarding how better to publicize and promote the new Android and I-phone app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, coordinate dates on apps and plaques, and organized future presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. No new information.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future “Tales of Lake Geneva” and status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. “Tales of Lake Geneva” will take place at the Geneva Lake Museum on December 10th, it will be a Tuesdays @ Two. Patrick will talk to Scott Williams (L.G. Regional News) about advertising in the paper. Ken sent an email to Jeff Miskie about updating our website. Ken contacted City Hall about our plaque that we received from Joe DeRose, why it isn’t hanging on the wall in the lobby, was told that it will be going up soon---- Certified Municipality Plaque. Tim will talk to David Nord about if we can apply for a grant from Visit Lake Geneva. Paid \$190.00 on 11/12 to have sheets printed for “Tales of Lake Geneva”.

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. Discussion regarding Historic Plaque applications for 1115 Wisconsin Street and “Pillsbury”. Jackie informed us that the small signs have been hung, need invoices from Sandy for making the signs, so we can pay her. The plaque for 1115 Wisconsin St. was approved on 10/10/19.

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 and City Street Department repairs to tombstones. The nomination will take about a year.

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. Discussed about how we can become a part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Grace will look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy