

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2013 6:30 P.M. Lake Geneva City Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Etten at 6:30 P.M. at Lake Geneva City Hall.

Roll Call: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Dee Fiske, Mary Tanner and Louise Rayppy and Historic Consultant John Notz. Absent were Ellyn Kehoe and Jackie Getzen.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of November 14,, 2013.

Comments from the public: None

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

Update on the historic Geneva Theater Building. There are no significant changes.

Update regarding installation of new Historic Signs at Lake Geneva Seminary/ Seminary Park site, the Whiting House/Hotel Geneva site and the Lake Geneva Library site. All signs have not been installed and are still in the City garage.

Discussion re: potential restoration work, signage upgrades and /or repair of G.A.R. markers at Pioneer Cemetery. The Commission as agreed to purchase 25 markers for G.A.R. gravestones in Pioneer Cemetery. They are \$18.00 each and will be purchased with funds from the budget for 2014. John Notz recommended purchasing anodized aluminum.

Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from historic consultant John Notz

John Notz was the past Vice President of Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. Graceland Cemetery is listed as a National Historic Site. John recommend working with Deborah L. Cooper who did her Master's Thesis on Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She will be contacted regarding an application.

The Wisconsin State Historical Society has to sign off on this application as Black Point and Old World Wisconsin are already Wisconsin State Historical Sites.

Discussion with John Notz re: potential recognition of three extant buildings designed by William Le Baron Jenney on the former Maple Lawn property in the City of Lake Geneva.

These buildings are located just west of the stone pillars from the old Oak Lawn home that was demolished several years ago. They were designed by William Le Baron Jenney who incorporated steel in his residential dwellings and was the architect for Oak Lawn. There will be a three-day symposium in France on the work of Le Baron Jenney. A film on his work will be shown and a book has been published regarding his works. The film will be shown the second week in April, 2014, at the *Alliance Francais* in Chicago.

Review of recent Plaque Program applications and information from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The price of the plaques is now \$135.00. A new plaque was placed on a home on Marshall Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Fiske