

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Patrick Quinn and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Guests: Mary Weeden.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of November 10, 2016.

Comments from the public: Mary Weeden was there, as she is very interested in Historic Preservation. She offered some suggestions and assistance.

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners. The Museum had a very good turn out for both the Victorian Christmas and the Craft Fair. No Tuesday @ 2 until January 10th. It will be about Teddy and Edith Roosevelt. Maple Park had discussions with David Desimone concerning a lighted house tour in the evening. The museum will be active at the Winter Festival. Will interact with the Chamber.

Update on the restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. The Friends of the Theater are still having discussions with Shad Branen, concerning the \$30,000.00 that they are willing to donate in exchange for the use of the theater for a number of dates. Should open first part of January. Dan Colwell has been hired as manager.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The budget is being reviewed by the City Council. We voted to reimburse Ken \$150.00 from our budget for this year for printing.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by Ed Yaeger and presentation at the Lake Geneva City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on Dec. 5. Ken Etten presented our proposal at the Dec. 5th meeting. It was rejected. They were afraid they were going to lose control of the property. The Council was concerned because they thought that maybe in the future they might need the property to extend the parking lot.

Discussion regarding the status of the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva

Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center and options for getting the app in the Apple App Store. Elizabeth Chappell spoke with Dan Draper. He indicated that it was a Go. It would help to promote this town as a historic city.

Update regarding A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet and any new information relating to future walking tours or programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. We discussed about notifying Dave McLean and let him know the historic value of Youngland Manor.

Report regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information and input on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. No new information.

Discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including updating sign on Dunn Lumber Building, future "Tales of Lake Geneva", educational programs, and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. 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, the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and Traditional Building & Period Homes magazines. No new plaques have been issued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy