

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2015 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, Jackie Getzen, Mary Tanner, Louise Rayppy, and Jim Davis. Elizabeth Chappell was absent. Michael Rehberg was there representing Black Point.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of November 10, 2015.

Comments from the public: None

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

Track The Past—February 13th, 2016

Free Family Train Day 10 to 4

The museum has 564 members to date, and 188 new members. They are putting together a new exhibit about historic and old chairs. They are also working on a condense script for Oak Hill Cemetery—Self walking tour.

Update on the Geneva Lake Theater Building.

Still for Sale. Tom Hartz is still interested in the building, but receiving little or no cooperation from the city. The Friends of the Theater should put pressure on the city after the new year.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The current balance as of 12/7/2015 is \$3,354.68.

Ongoing discussion regarding presentation by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center on creation of an initial I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour and a possible android version. We approved the money for this. Dr. Platt informed us at our last meeting that in the Fall of 2016, she will have a class, so they will be able to work on it for less money.

Report on the status of the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission website, www.historiclakegeneva.org. On December 12th, Ken Etten spoke to Jeff Miskie and he got our

website back up and operating as www.historyoflakegeneva.org. He will also look into getting us the domain name www.historyoflakegeneva.com as a backup. Jeff will administer our site from now on so Ken can pass any changes back to him for revision.

Discussion on the second printing of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including distribution of booklets and any updates from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Michael Rehberg gave us an update of the Black Point Walking Tour. They had 19 tours last summer, a total of 299 people, 16 people per tour, largest tour: 26 people and rained out only once. They collected \$632.00 from all the tours. Next year they are thinking about expanding the tour into the neighborhoods. Just churches on Sunday mornings.

Update from Patrick Quinn 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. Had two corrections made on the Civil War sign at Oak Hill Cemetery. Mayor Connors agreed to write a letter approving the nomination of the cemetery as a historic site. Also discussion on potential 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.

Will pay for the replacement of the plaque on the James Simmon's house, due to the incorrect date on it. It should be 1867.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Rayppy