

**Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**December 12, 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, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny and Tim Dunn.**

**Approval of minutes from November 14, 2019, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.**

**Comments from the public and correspondence. None**

**Presentation by Stephanie Klett, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce. Stephanie attended our meeting along with Kathleen Clothier (Partner Manager), and Deanna Goodwin (Marketing Director). We discussed how we could further advertise our Walking Tour and promote Historic Preservation in general. Deanna will showcase our Walking Tour, etc. on their website. They were given Walking Tour booklets. And Stephanie gave us \$2.00 for her booklet. Jim demonstrated our walking tour on the app to Stephanie. She was quite pleased with it. The Tourist Commission will give out grants. We can come with a plan and ask for a grant—promote historical tourism—requesting money to help us continue doing what we are doing. Chris suggested we could have rack cards to promote our mission. They will have a landing page on their web page for us.**

**Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: The Fireside Dinner Theatre—January 21st.**

**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. The Geneva Theater Actors Guild's next performance will be The Gin Game, by Donald Coburn—Wednesday, 1/8/20, 7:30 P.M., Friday, 1/10/20/ 10:00 A.M.**

**Review of any updates re: Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. The house is closed for the season, but they are having 45 outreach programs this winter. Also Black Point is having their Local History Series at Badger High School, with David Desimone, Michael Rehberg and Chris Brookes as instructors.**

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 \$5,180.90. Our proposed budget for 2020 has been approved for \$6,500.00.

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. Discussions about the bench still going on.

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. We discussed with Stephanie Klett about how we can publicize and promote our apps.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future “Tales of Lake Geneva” and status of our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org). It was a large turnout at the Geneva Lake Museum on December 10th for “Tales of Lake Geneva”. Our website has been updated by Jeff Miskie, any new items come up notify him. Our Certified Municipality Plaque is hanging on the wall in the lobby of City Hall.

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, repair of existing historic signs, and any new information regarding restoration of “Pillsbury” sign. Jeff Robinson, 1317 Park Row, requested a plaque, have not received application back yet.

Report 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. Gail Klein informed us that the nomination will not be completed until next summer. There was a discussion about having Pioneer Cemetery nominated as a historic site. Will wait until Oak Hill nomination is completed.

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. Grace called the National Trust for Historic Preservation about how we can become a part of it. Have not heard back yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy