

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014 6:30 P.M. Lake Geneva City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Etten at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall.

Roll Call: Ken Etten, Dee Fiske, Mary Tanner, Louise Rayppy and Jackie Getzen. Ed Yaeger attended as “guest” and member of the public.

Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of April 10, 2014.

Comments from the public: Ed Yaeger commented positively on the new Historical signs that had recently been installed.

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

The Picard China exhibit opened on April 13 and will be on exhibit until January 15, 2015 May 17 is the celebration of Wisconsin History and the Museum will feature numerous exhibits and will be free to the public for the entire day. June 13, 14 and 15 there will be an after hours play offered to the public with Chris Brooks and Janelle Powers directing. The tickets will be \$40 per person.

Flowers have been planted at the historical railroad sign near Dunn Lumber

Update on the historic Geneva Theater Building. Ken Etten recently contacted owner Bill Jachimek who indicated there was nothing new. He had spoken to several potential interested parties but had not yet found a tenant or co-developer.

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 three new signs have been installed.

Report on the status of G.A.R. markers for Pioneer Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery.

The Commission has agreed to purchase new 25 markers for G.A.R. gravestones in Pioneer Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery. They are \$18 each and will be purchased with funds for the budget for 2014.

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

Carol Cartwright is working on this. Photos of the cemetery were taken and forwarded to her as well. Carol recently picked up copies of the maps Dee Fiske obtained from the Register of Deeds office, visited the Lake Geneva Library to do research and walked the Cemetery. She is currently trying to set up a meeting with Daina Penkiunas from the Wisconsin Historical Society to view the cemetery.

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 homes may have been constructed 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 at the *Alliance Francaise* in Chicago.

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 Commissions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Fiske