

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017 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, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis. Mary Tanner, Patrick Quinn, Jackie Getzen and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Provisional member: Chris Brookes.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of August 10, 2017.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Mary Jo Fesenmaier attended our meeting to discuss the future of Hillmoor Country Club. She is in favor of preserving the property as open space; and she is asking if we would write a letter to the Lake Geneva Conservancy explaining that this land should be saved as private recreation. And that the Comprehensive Master Plan should not be changed.

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

The Museum had a very good turnout for their Grand Opening of the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy Exhibit on September 16th, with quite a few alumni attending. And of course, Chris Brookes was there as her father was the Headmaster of the school. Tuesdays @ Two programs: Levi Leiter to Lake Geneva Manor, October 17th.

Update on the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building and the restoration work at The Riviera. The Geneva Theater Actor's Guild will be bringing theater performances to the theater once a month from September through May. The founders of the Guild, who will also be performing, are: Harold Johnson, Janelle Powers and Gordon Wisniewski. For October: A collection of work by Edgar Allen Poe, just in time for Halloween. The work on the Riviera will start in the next few months.

Report regarding future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Black Point is having their Maple Park Lantern Tour on Saturday, September 30th at 6-8 P.M., \$15.00 per person.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the 2017 Historic Preservation Commission City Budget and discussion regarding proposed 2018 LGHPC Budget. The current balance is : \$1,342.67. We are requesting that the budget for 2018 remain the same at \$6,500.00.

Update regarding proposed Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site proposed by the late Ed Yaeger, creation of a plan for Proposed Historic Railroad Site for review and comment by the City of Lake Geneva and acknowledgement of Ed Yaeger’s contribution to historic preservation in Lake Geneva. Tom Earle of the Street Department said that when things slow down in the Fall, they will clean up the railroad site. The paving stones are O.K., the crew will just mow over them. Doug Skates needs to put it on the agenda. Ken will call Doug. If this all works out it will be a wonderful tribute to Ed Yaeger.

Update regarding the status of the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center, getting the app in the Apple App Store and creation of an Android version. The City has joined the Apple Developer Program. Now that the account has been set up Dr. Platt can upload the app for approval from Apple—which is a process that can vary in duration. She will keep us posted on the process.

Report regarding restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North St. and potential new projects for the LGHPC, including future “Tales of Lake Geneva” and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. No new information.

Update regarding the nomination of 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. No new information.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, updating of the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs to \$145.00 each, and creation of new Historic Plaque for the 175th Anniversary of St. Francis de Sales Parish. We issued two new plaques: Karen & Daniel Gallo, 222 Warren St.-1870. Steve Drebois, 1012 Dodge St.-1915. St. Francis de Sales had their Historic Plaque Presentation on September 20th at 4:30 p.m., in honor of their 175th Anniversary of the Parish.

Update on 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. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy