

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018 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, Louise Rayppy. Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Jim Davis and Elizabeth Chappell were absent. Provisional member: Chris Brookes.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of March 8, 2018.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Chris Brookes is on the committee to organize this year's Lantern Tour in Maple Park. Tuesdays @ Two: The Columbian Exposition's 125th Anniversary—May 1st; Lake Geneva's "Dollar Princess"—May 15th. New Yerkes Observatory Exhibit at the Museum.

Update on the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building, restoration work at The Riviera and other local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. The City hired MSI General of Oconomowoc to plan and complete renovation of the Riviera. It could cost \$ 5 million. The Geneva Theater Actor's Guild will present a full-pledge play sometime this Spring.

Review of newsletter and any updates re: future programs at Black Point or Horticultural Hall and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg. Black Point will have their first tour on April 28th in conjunction with the Women's Weekend in L.G.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the Historic Preservation Commission City 2018 Budget. Our annual budget is: \$3,500.00. So far this year we renewed our membership in the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions with \$40.00. And we also received a check from Nancy Yaeger for \$1,000.00 to go toward the Railroad Site.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site and the plan for the Proposed Historic Railroad Site, meetings with the City of Lake Geneva Street Department and City Arborist, and schedule for work to proceed this year. Will check with Aceves Landscaping to see if they could bring in some additional fill and level the site before installing the pavers. We received a donation of \$1,000.00 from Ed Yaeger Memorial Fund, this will help cover some of this.

Update regarding publicizing the I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour created by Dr. Alana Platt at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center, potential photo additions and upgrades, and discussions with Josh Sullivan re: creating of an Android version. Sent an e-mail to Josh Sullivan about developing an Android version. Have not heard back from him yet. David Desimone sent out a press release to various publications, to promote our walking tour app.

Discussion regarding potential new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva", the possibility of using the historic Geneva Theater, updates on our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org), and restoration of the wall signs at the Dunn Lumber Warehouse Building on North Street. Patrick Quinn will talk with Mike Dunn in the Spring regarding the wall signs. We will have the "Tales of Lake Geneva" at the Theater in May.

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. Research will resume in the Spring concerning Oak Hill Cemetery.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$145.00 each, and creating a list of past plaque recipients. Ken contacted Jim Sherrin to find out if he has a record of plaques that were made. He does not.

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 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy