

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2020 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, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Tim Dunn. Jackie Getzen and Jim Davis were absent.

Approval of minutes from previous Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. No minutes due to meeting being cancelled.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. No Tuesdays @ Two programs due to the coronavirus. An invitation to local businesses and organizations to sign up for the 2nd Annual "Parade of Trees". November 21st thru January 5th. Fourth Annual Golf Outing – Sunday, September 13, 2020.

Update regarding news on Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Black Point is operating on a limited schedule due to the coronavirus. The Maple Park Walking Tour will take place on September 19th. Requires reservations on-line at Black Point. Included in the walking tour will be the location where the home of John E. Burton once stood at the corner of Wisconsin and Madison streets.

Update on restoration work at The Riviera, programs at the 1928 Geneva Theater, and local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. The Mayor Charlene Klein has formed an ad hoc committee to discuss the future of the Riviera. Grace is on the committee and they want to make sure that The Riviera stays on the State Registry. Would like to designate The Riviera as a Landmark. Grace has document about establishing a Landmark Commission, should contact Whitewater Preservation Commission, as they can help with this.

Review of recent bills and invoices and updated current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2020 City Budget. Our current balance is \$5,804.00. We need to put our budget together for

next year to be presented at City Hall on September 24th at 4 P.M.

Update previous discussion with Stephanie Klett at Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Lake Geneva City Administrator David Nord on how the LGHPC can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva. No new information.

Discussion regarding Historic Preservation Design Review rules for building projects within National & State Historic Districts, the creation of a Local Historic Landmark Ordinance, and current potential building projects including the status of the 1902 Frank Johnson Residence / Bricks & Mortar Building at 832 Geneva Street and the Douglas House at 322 Madison Street. Renovation work is proceeding on the Brick & Mortar Building. We discussed about establishing a Local Historic Landmark Ordinance. Grace will contact the City of Whitewater concerning this, as they have a Local Landmark Ordinance.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. No new information.

Report regarding status of corrections and updates by Josh Sullivan to the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, how to better promote the apps, and future presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Sandra Bleser submitted invoice for \$300 for five signs added to existing large LGHPC signs advertising link to I-phone and Android apps. This invoice was forwarded to Karen Hall at City Hall on 7/15/20. Josh Sullivan completed the re-working of the I- phone version of the Lake Geneva Walking tour app to be the same as the Android version. We paid Josh \$750.00 for the job.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" and status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. We decided to suspend "Tales of Lake Geneva" until further notice due to COVID-19.

Review the status of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs now at \$226.83 each (including sales tax), application forms, ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients and repair of existing historic signs. Two new plaques were recently delivered for 302 Maxwell Street (c. 1896) & 1310 Dodge Street (c. 1913). In addition, two applications are pending for 515 Madison Street (c. 1890) and 315 Cook Street (c. 1912).

Update 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. It was brought up at our meeting that we haven't heard anything about the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery. Ken will contact Gail Klein concerning this. Will have news coverage about it, when it is approved.

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. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy