

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Emily Hummel, John Halverson, and Ja Nelle Powers. Absent: Sonja Akright. Guests: Michael R. Devroy and Sarah Hill.

Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the May 13, 2025, Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. Mr. Devroy had questions about preservation and Sarah about Historical Markers.

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs and the Maple Park Homeowners' Association and updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the Maple Park Historic District. "Tuesdays @ Two" -- A Walk Down Memory Lane, with Linda Frame. Summer Evening Encore - July 22 @ 6:00 p.m. Maple Park will have a get-together. Maple Park has hired an Enforcement company to manage short-term rentals, Rentalscape Co., managed by a term.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library and Badger High School and potential special events this year at the Black Point Estate to commemorate Conrad Seipp's 200 birthday and the 20th anniversary of the dedication as a State Historic Site. The 20th Anniversary Volunteer Party - July 11th from 5-7:30 P.M. Nooks and Crannies Tour -- very successful.

Updates on events at the Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. Geneva Stage: Steel Magnolias - June 19 at 2:00 & 7:00 P.M.

Discussion, nominations, and election of Chairperson and Secretary for the L. G. Historic Preservation Commission. Ken Etten as President, Louise Rayppy as Secretary -- motion approved.

Review of the current 2025 Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission City Budget and recent bills, invoices, and payments. Our current balance is \$18,691.55. We paid \$2,731.25 for 1000 Walking Tour booklets. Grant Reimbursement - \$2,126.90, State of Wisconsin. The 3-D scan for the Three Graces Statue will cost \$2,500.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts, including repair / replacement of windows at Oak Hill Cemetery office, the remodeling of the Edie Boutique, and the Eduard Babayev's New House at 833 Wisconsin Street. Windows will be replaced, will look the same. Edie Boutique has been approved both by the city and us. New House at 833 Wisconsin still working on it.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey and the Hillmoor Commission and the status of the grant for the proposed new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Need website about Hillmoor, so people can make comments and learn about what's going on. Grace needs to contact Peg about the survey of Lake Geneva.

Discussion regarding the City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance, creation of a new Local Historic Landmark Application Form, and the status of nomination applications for buildings such as the Lake Geneva Public Library and The Riviera a Local Historic Landmarks. Ordinance is official. Four pages of application - pamphlet almost done. Will put together a black and white guide for proposing a Local Historic Landmark. Will print it ourselves. Chris will send an E-Mail to all members so they can look everything over for final approval.

Ongoing discussion regarding the repair and / or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs, the proposed new / Crawford historical sign, the L. G. Sanitarium sign, and a potential Old Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee. Lay-out of Sanitariums sign will cost \$2,300. The Mill Pond sign will be paid for by the Beautification Committee. Size of sign hasn't been decided yet or the location near the museum.

Update regarding the status of the Three Graces statue and the 3-D scan of the Three Graces statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois, the latest City funding information, and the future plans and options for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. The 3-D scan will cost \$2,500.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including plaque at 1205 Dodge Street by Rose Fritz, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$300.68 each (including sales tax), application forms, and on-going updating the list of past plaque recipients. The house at 1205 Dodge Street will receive a plaque for their 1887 house.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, updates regarding the status of our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org), who to contact at City Hall regarding reactivation and website revisions, and discussion with Jeff Miskie. Also review of potential options for printing new copies of our Historic Walking Tour booklets. We ordered 1000 booklets for \$2,731.25 from A+ Graphics. We are in contact with Jeff Miskie, who is trying to help us reestablish our website.

Update on the status of the I-phone app and Android app for A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including who to contact regarding reactivation of I-Phone and Android apps, and discussion on how to better promote the apps. No new information.

Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce on how the LGHPC can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva and better publicize our role in the community. No new information.

Update on any new information from Jason Tish at the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. No new information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.  
Respectfully Submitted, Louise M. Rayppy