

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026 7:00 p. m. Lake Geneva City Hall

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

Roll Call / Ken Etten, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Emily Hummel, John Halverson, Janelle Powers.  
Absent: Grace Hanny and Sonja Akright.

Approval of minutes: Approval of the minutes from December 9, 2025, meeting.

Public Hearing to consider the nomination of the Lake Geneva Public Library for Local Historic Landmark Status /Chris Brookes. Roll Call was taken to designate the Library as a Landmark. Motion approved by the Commission members and City Council, presided over by Sherri Ames. Also thanks to all staff members of the Library.

Review of the current 2025 Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission City Budget and recent bills, invoices, and payments through December 31, 2025. Our current balance is \$9,357.29.

Updates regarding any new information relating to the Geneva Lake Museum, Maple Park Historic District and Homeowners' Association, and Black Point Estate and programs. Black Point Winter Book Club will meet at Inspired Coffee beginning 12/18. Geneva Lake Storytellers will be held at Geneva Tap House from 6-8 p.m. -- 2/5 --April. Geneva Lake Museum "Tuesday @ Two" Hike around Geneva Lake via vintage post cards, presented by Helen Brandt, February 10th.

Update regarding the Hillmoor Commission, the ongoing work at the Hillmoor property, and the status of the grant for new Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva. Hillmoor Website is about the golf course, which is under restoration. Paper work for the grant has been done, it has been sent to Jason Tish.

Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs including the Historic Railroad Site sign, the new Haskins /Crawford historic sign, the Lake Geneva Sanitariums sign, and a potential Old Mill Pond historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee. Nothing has been decided on where the Mill Pond sign will go.

Update regarding our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org), and who to contact at City Hall regarding reactivation and website revisions. Chris received from Jeff Miskie photo copies of our website. Need to be updated. Need someone at City Hall, who would be able to get our website up and running. Motion passed to use \$2,000 to create new website.

Update regarding adding a picture of Holy Communion Episcopal Church to display of National & State Historic Buildings in City Hall lobby. Cathy Koch is working on picture of church.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Louise M. Rayppy