

## Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022 7:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

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

Present: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel. Grace Hanny and Tim Dunn were absent.

Review and approval of the minutes from January 11, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: March 1st-- Irish Woods. Historian Pamela Meyers shares the rich Irish history of Geneva Lake. A Legacy of Imagination will be opening soon. The attendance at the museum has been great!

Update regarding news on Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours. Black Point will be opening for the season on May 7th. May 8th will be about the Remarkable Women of Lake Geneva to celebrate Mother's Day.

Update on events at The Riviera and at the 1928 Geneva Theater or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Plaque for The Riviera has been installed on the front of the building. The Theater is going through renovations. One part will be kept as a theater, the other part will be multiple use.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updated current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2022 City Budget. Our current balance is \$8,425.00. The budget approved for 2022 is \$6,500 for regular expenditures and \$2,000 for Historic Plaque purchases.

Discuss on potential ways to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contribution to the LGHPC, including planting an oak tree at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis. We talked about the tree as a good idea. Also talked about donating a book to the library in honor of Jackie or maybe purchasing a paver.

Discussion regarding Historic Preservation Design Review rules for building projects within National & State Historic Districts and current building projects including the New House on the site of the Douglas House at 322 Madison Street, remodeled Houses at 930 & 932 Geneva Street, 1011 Main Street, and porch remodeling work at 534 Madison Street & 1127 Wisconsin Street. No new information.

Update regarding submittal of Certified Local Government renewal application, the creation of a Local Historic Landmark Ordinance based upon presentation by Pat Blackmer & Dan Richardson on the Whitewater Landmarks Commission, discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper, and follow up on Zoom meeting with Jason Tish on December 9. Ken filled out the Certified Local Government renewal application and submitted it electronically online. Discussion regarding the creation of a Local Historic Landmark Ordinance will resume when Grace returns. We were informed that Minneapolis, has a Landmark Ordinance, which we should look into.

Update regarding suggestions from Mayor Charlene Klein regarding Historic Lake Geneva Post Office Building and creation of a brochure promoting the history of The Riviera. Text of the history of the mural at the Post Office that Patrick wrote is on the wall beneath the mural. Sonja put together a rough draft of a brochure for The Riviera.

Discussion regarding placement and installation of a New Historic Sign for Oak Hill Cemetery to commemorate its designation as a National & State Registers of Historic Place. Patrick informed us that the best place for the sign would be below and in front of the Civil War sign. Will talk with Tom Earle in the Spring about this.

Discussion regarding the status of the repair and/or replacement of six existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs and which signs should be repaired next. No new information.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, including, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$226.83 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients. No new information.

Report on any updates to the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, problem with I-phone app and discussions with Jeff Miskie and Josh Sullivan, how to better promote the apps, and ideas for presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Sonja informed us that our Walking Tour app is still not on her I-phone yet.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" programs, updates to our website [www.historyoflakegeneva.org](http://www.historyoflakegeneva.org), and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC projects that we might want to consider. "Tales of Lake Geneva" will take place at the museum sometime in the Spring. Thinking about April 5th.

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.

Update regarding any new correspondence from 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.

Update on 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. We reviewed the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy