

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 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, Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn. Chris Brookes and Grace Hanny were absent.

Review and approval of the minutes from February 8, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports from the Geneva Area Museum and Maple Park Homeowners. Tuesdays @ Two: April 5th--ECO—Friendly Gardening. The museum's golf outing will again be held at Hawks View Golf Club. Emily informed us that the Maple Park Pig Roast will be held in June.

Updates 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 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 contributions to the LGHPC, including planting an oak tree at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis and making a donation to the Lake Geneva Public Library in honor of Jackie Getzen. 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.

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, which is beneath the mural, will be enlarged and placed on a thicker material, so it will be more noticeable. Sonja is working on 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 talked to Tom Earle and he informed Patrick that the sign will be put in the ground in April after the ground thaws out.

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 volunteered to call Apple, asking them what we need to do to get our Walking Tour back on the I-phone. Ken called Jeff Miskie and Josh Sullivan, but they were unable to help.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" programs, updates to our website 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.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the future bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. Will inquire about the bench in the Spring.

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. Sonja went virtual on February 23rd to view Wisconsin's 5th Anniversary History Advocated Day. Also she signed up for Free Historic Preservation Commission Training on Public Outreach Zoom. April 6—12:00 P.M.—3:45; April 7—9:00 A.M.—12:45 P.M.

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. Jason Tish informed us that NAPC will have a webinar on March 24th, 1 P.M. Eastern time, about defending preservation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise M. Rayppy