

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023 700 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, Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn. Patrick Quinn was absent.

Review and approval of the minutes from April 11, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs, and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals and paid parking in the Maple Park Historic District. "History Loves Music", fundraiser at the museum on Thursday June 8, 2023, 7-9 p.m. —\$65.00 per ticket. Black Point and the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra Quartet will be there, with Black Point displaying clothes worn by the family of Beer Baron Conrad Seipp. Also fundraiser for the Museum — "Taco Tuesday", June 27, 2023, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M. — \$12.00 per person. No paid parking in Maple Park for the time being. No new information concerning short-term rentals.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library. On Mother's Day weekend will be the Remarkable Women of Lake Geneva event at Black Point. Black Point Movie Monday programs ended in April. Local History series starts in May.

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. The Theater had their Opening Night, on May 6th. Special Guest — Kashmir : The Led Zeppelin Show.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updates on the current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2023 City Budget. Our current balance is \$4,885.00.

Updates on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contributions to the LGHPC, including the LGPL paver for Jackie and scheduling the dedication of the oak tree and plaque at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis. The paver for Jackie has been installed. She served on the Commission from 1996—2021. Sonja will contact Jim's sister about the dedication and date.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic

Districts. No new information.

Update regarding submittal of Certified Local Government renewal application by February 28, 2023, the creation of a more inclusive Local Historic Landmark Ordinance based upon the Whitewater Local Landmark Ordinance, the Fond du Lac Historic Preservation Ordinance, discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper, and additional information from Jason Tish at Wisconsin Historical Society. Chris and Grace need to meet with Dan Draper again. Need to resolve a few issues, especially concerning landmark status. Need to explain so people will understand. Dan Draper is working on rearrangement of local Landmark -- renumbering the sections. Jason Tish said he would come when Chris invites him.

Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs and review of list on which additional plaques and signs should be repaired and/or replaced next. The following 3 signs need to be repaired: Wisconsin Power & Light / Geneva Lake Museum / Mill St; Old Mill Race / Main Street; Taggart Lumber Yard & Railroad Warehouse / Broad Street. Signs along Broad, Main, Geneva and Horticultural Hall, plus six Maple Park signs need to be looked at. One new sign will be ordered: About the former Sanitarium in Lake Geneva.

Update regarding current status of the Three Graces statue, the relocation from Flat Iron Park to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. No new info.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$258.48 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients. No new information.

Updates on the status of the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including reactivation of I-phone app, and discussion on how to better promote the apps, including presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Also, any new information regarding required update renewal of I-phone app. Sonja is working on this.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" program at the Geneva Lake History Museum on Tuesday, June 13, at 6:00 P.M., updates to our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC projects that we might want to consider. Since our regular LGHPC meeting for June will occur on the same night we voted to have it later that evening at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the park bench and plaque in memory of Ed Yaeger, any feedback from the Yaeger family, and scheduling a date for the dedication. The bench has been finished, waiting for the plaque, then it will be installed at the Railroad Site.

Report 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. Chris will bring a flyer about "Tales of Lake Geneva" to Stephanie Klett.

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. ACHP will once again have their Historic Summer Vacation social media campaign.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy