

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023 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, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn.

Absent: Grace Hanny and Sonja Akright. Ken Etten, Grace Hanny and Sonja Akright have been reappointed to the Commission.

Review and approval of the minutes from March 14, 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. The history of the Lake Geneva Youth Camp will be the next "Tuesdays @ Two" on April 18th. The Maple Park Homeowners' Spring meeting will be on April 21, at the Parish Hall of the Methodist Church, at 5:00. No news from Dan Draper concerning short-term rentals and why there was never any citations given out. No paid parking in Maple Park for the time being.

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

Updates on events at The Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. Geneva Stage at the Theater will have their Opening Night on May 6, at 7:00 P.M. 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 \$10,385.00. The invoice from Jim Sherin for repair and/or replacement of six Historic Signs has been approved for \$5,500.00 and will appear in the next General Fund on April 19th.

Updates on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contributions to the LGHPC, including scheduling the dedication of the oak tree and plaque at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis. The dedication for Jim will take place when the weather warms up. Will contact Janet at the Museum about if she has the contact information for his family, so we could contact them and let them decide the date of the dedication.

The paver for Jackie has been installed at the Library. Chris showed us photos of the paver.

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 in regards to our revised ordinance, and to have this done by June 15th, audit time. Dan Draper working on rearrangement of local Landmark—renumbering the sections. Also need to notify Jason Tish.

Update regarding the status of the repair and/or replacement of six existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs, the current adjusted invoice, and review of list on which additional plaques and signs should be repaired and/or replaced next. Jim Sherin completed the work on the six signs, that we requested to be repaired. The invoice has been approved for \$5,500.00 and sent to the City for payment.

Discussion regarding status of the Three Graces statue in Flat Iron Park, the relocation to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. No new information.

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. No new information.

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. The “Tales of Lake Geneva” will take place on June 13th at the Geneva Lake Museum at 6:00 p.m. 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. The bench has been finished, waiting for 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 suggested a Flyer should be made about “Tales of Lake Geneva” so she can give it to Stephanie Klett to help promote historic preservation. Museum already working on a flyer.

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. WAHPC Spring Conference – April 21-22 in Marshfield.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy