

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 8, 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, Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright and Tim Dunn. Emily Hummel was absent.

Review and approval of the minutes from July 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 in the Maple Park Historic District. "Tuesdays @ Two" programs are no longer in the evenings. Swift Night Out (a free event) Thursday, September 7, starting at 5:00 p.m. On September 17th, the 7th Annual Golf Outing. Get ready for the Parade of Trees – Reserve now as space is limited. No new information on 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. The program "Vows on the Veranda" has been postponed until next Spring at Black Point. Oak Hill Cemetery Tours: Saturdays: October 7 & 14th. Local History series at the Library twice a month.

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. Maybe by December, the organ for the Theater will be finished.

Review of recent bills and invoices and 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 scheduling the dedication of the oak tree and plaque at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis. Due to the length of time since the tree and plaque was installed, the dedication has been called off.

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, and the proposed new City of Lake Geneva Local Historic Landmark Ordinance including latest discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper and Jason Tish at Wisconsin Historical Society and follow up on Special LGHPC meeting with Jason Tish on Thursday, July 20, and Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, August 7, at City Hall regarding proposed changes. The meetings that were held at City Hall were beneficial to further the enactment of our revised local Historic Landmark Ordinance. Also at our Historic Preservation Commission meeting we discussed the idea that the Library should be a landmark.

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. Motion passed to have the following signs replaced or repaired-The six small Maple Park signs will be replaced (6 @ \$265.00) , the Old Mill Race sign will be repaired at \$755.00. The Sanitarium sign will come later.

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. The statue will be moved to the Street Department and it will probably stay there. Need to have a clear plan in order to ask for donations. Ken will talk to Tom Earle.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs \$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, updates to our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org , and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC projects that might want to consider. Biggest project will be the Three Graces statue.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including the new park bench and plaque in memory of Ed Yaeger and clean-up and repairs to the paver "footprints" of the Railroad Turntable, Engine House, and Water Tower. Call Tom Earle and ask if he knows who installed pavers.

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. 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, including the 17th Annual Local History & Historic Preservation Conference in La Crosse, WI, on October 18-20, 2023. Received E-Mail from UWM-CRM, concerning proposed project along highway 50 (Main Street) and asking if there are any concerns about historic properties.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy