

History Advisory Committee

September 24, 2022

Attendance: Alvin Sheffer, Richard Coons, Tony Albino, Donald Dubac, Tom Shannon

- Pomeroy Foundation Grant: Awarded nearly \$1,800 to the History Department on Sept. 9th to purchase D-2 Biological Solution for use in cleaning cemeteries. We should be able to purchase at least 40 gallons with this.
- Pomeroy Foundation Historic Marker applications: Deadline is Oct. 1st. The sign for the Ten Broeck Cemetery will be a long shot because there is no public access. The 1845 Cheviot accident, Ice House, and First Reformed cemetery are the other three that will be submitted for review.
- SUNY Geneseo internship program: A professor of history at SUNY Geneseo reached out about a program designed to have students intern with local historians to develop a project about public-facing remembrance of the Revolutionary War in the lead up to 2026. Will get back to him with an idea soon.
- NYS Historic Sign repainting: Done for 2022 with a total of 27 signs repainted. Will seek grants over the winter to purchase more paint for next year. Send Tom suggestions for the to-do list.
- Kiosks: The Roe Jan Park kiosk is ready to go. Construction will begin in the next week or two. The planned Palatine Park/ Maple Avenue kiosk will be built around the same time. Content for the latter kiosk is pretty much complete and ready to be sent to the graphic designer.
- Recent donations: Shane Johnson donated three GCS yearbooks and a file of Stoner Well Drilling Co. records that belonged to his recently deceased uncle, Norman Stoner. Richard Coons donated an antique postal scale.
- Events: Legends Around the East Camp-fire, Oct. 8th, 4 PM to 9 PM at the Parsonage.

Cemetery cleaning work parties: Lutheran Cemetery: Sept. 24th 1 PM to 6 PM
Oct. 2nd 1 PM to 6 PM

Reformed Cemetery: Oct. 9th 1 PM to 6 PM
Oct. 15th 1 PM to 6 PM

- Tony spoke about the Rezoning Committee. They are looking to have the process completed within 12-14 months. Tony asked that our committee and FOHG send recommendations to the Rezoning Committee by early October. Ideas discussed were demolition permits; the viewshed west of 9G; incentives for homeowners to have their properties listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places; incentives to preserve and maybe even resurrect the lost Ten Broeck, Mead, and Winans cemeteries on private land in North Germantown; a codified plan for church cemeteries if/when the affiliated church ceases to exist.