

History Advisory Committee
Oct. 25th, 2025

Attendance: Tony Albino, Rich Coons, Yvonne Crawford, Alvin Sheffer, Tom Shannon

- The Hover Foundation awarded \$4,400 to the Germantown History Department via Friends of Historic Germantown. The projects described in the grant include a new First Schoolhouse historic sign, a new historic sign for the Loyalist raid into northeast Germantown in 1778, and gravestone cleaning supplies.
- Tony reached out to Highway Superintendent Anthony Cidras about cutting the mulberry tree that hangs over the east side of the Parsonage in the near future.
- Walter Wheeler of Hartgen Archaeology Associates is currently working on the amendment to the 1767 Parsonage National Register of Historic Places nomination. Rich and Tom will work on getting relevant historical materials to him.
- The William G. Pomeroy Foundation approved our letter of intent for a Historic Transportation sign at Cheviot Park. Tom will work on writing the text over the next week or so.
- Tom received correspondence from an attorney distributing the estate of Margaret Stengel. Her will allocated \$3,000 to "First Reformed Cemetery" of Germantown. Tom gave the attorney a nutshell sketch of Reformed history, going into detail about the two cemeteries. The Town of Germantown owns the site of the first Reformed cemetery. Because of the way the will is written, the attorney deemed that the bequest will go to the Town of Germantown.