



**CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fee at 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mary Fee, Chair	P
Ron Stoughton, Vice Chair	P
Thomas Shockey, Secretary	P
Victor Wilson	A
Ronni Feibel	A
Diana Jacobs	P
Elizabeth Murch	P

Staff present: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason

Approval of the April 23, 2024 meeting minutes:

Vice Chair Stoughton moved to approve the April 23, 2024 minutes as submitted. Member Murch seconded and all members voted to approve the April 23, 2024 minutes.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Fee moved to approve the agenda. Member Murch seconded and the all members voted to approve the agenda.

Other Business:

Guest speaker: Keri O'Donnell, Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter Historian, Chapter Registrar, Lineage Research Chair, Franklinton Chapter NSDAR – Ms. O'Donnell described her various titles and activities with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She further described her research methodology including checking sources for lists of veterans, visiting the cemetery site, and looking at headstones for age ranges. She carried a list of age ranges and time frames for specific wars.

At Wagnor/Wagner Cemetery, Ms. O'Donnell confirmed that Robert Campbell, listed on the historical marker, had a service record card and fought in the War of 1812. Samuel Evans, also listed, was in the Civil War. He would have been an older enlistee, perhaps he needed the money. James H. Ginn, not listed, served in the Revolutionary War and was in the DAR book. He died in 1845. The headstone stated he was 32, but he was actually 82. She noted that a lot of families who served in the military had a family tradition of service, and she was finding many of those families. In total, she found evidence of 7 veterans in Wagnor.

Chair Fee asked how the DAR referred to Wagnor Cemetery since there was a debate whether it was Wagnor or Wagner. Ms. O'Donnell stated she had seen the cemetery referred to as Wagnor, Wagner,

Wagner Yard, and Triplett. Clerk Mason added that Waggoner had been spotted on another record. Ms. O'Donnell stated she had reviewed records from Ohio Gravestones and one other website. She liked those better than Find-A-Grave. She only saw one reference to "Triplett."

Ms. O'Donnell stated she was still looking up records for the Old Burial Grounds, currently known as the New Albany Cemetery. So far, she'd found 2 veterans of the War of 1812, Silas Ogden and William H. Yantis. William H. Yantis didn't have a headstone in the cemetery, although his wife did. His son had his same name. William H. Yantis was a battle veteran and, at one point, a neighbor of Francis Scott Key. Ms. O'Donnell stated that there was an organization to whom one could apply to get a headstone for 1812 veterans. Member Murch asked and Ms. O'Donnell confirmed that this could be done for William Yantis. She believed he was still buried there. It would be strange for his wife to be there, but not him. If someone had moved him, why not move his wife? The board discussed how the New Albany Cemetery and headstones had been flooded and damaged.

Ms. O'Donnell stated she found some notable residents in the New Albany Cemetery. Noble Landon was a postmaster. He was not of a military mindset, perhaps he leaned Tory. Some others buried there were also of a generation that would have participated in a war, unless they leaned toward not serving. Reverend Joshua Montgomery was a founder of Otterbein College. His wife was buried next to him. Others interred including a travelling Methodist preacher and triplets who were born to Elijah and Rebecca Frampton in 1827. Rebecca went back to Lawrence County and was buried there. Elijah left Ohio.

Clerk Mason stated she would scan and share the attached veterans lists brought by Ms. O'Donnell.

Member Murch thanked Ms. O'Donnell for taking the time to assist and stated the board may reach back out to her in the future. Other members expressed appreciation for Ms. O'Donnell's work. Ms. O'Donnell responded that this was what she did.

Member Jacobs observed that fewer burials were happening overall, possibly making historical research more difficult. Chair Fee stated that Plain Township would be offering a memory wall which would display names and have a computer searchable database. The board further discussed birth and death records, old family cemeteries, the trend for cremation over full burial, urns, and vaults. Chair Fee stated that parents often bought plots for the family, but kids moved away and many were left unused.

Chair Fee asked if anyone by the last name of "Lee" was buried in Wagner Cemetery. A headstone with the name "Lee" had been left with the township. There was no record of where it came from or where it belonged.

Vice Chair Stoughton stated there was still no light for the flag at Wagner Cemetery. Clerk Mason responded that she would follow up with the city's Public Service department.

Member Murch asked Ms. O'Donnell if she felt she was finished with the veteran research. Ms. O'Donnell replied that she wanted to do her due diligence and make sure she didn't miss anyone. She thought there could be more from the Revolutionary War. Member Murch offered to follow up with Ms. O'Donnell in a few months and the board could decide how to proceed with the Wagner historical marker from there. Many organizations were excited about the "America250" anniversary coming up soon. Member Jacobs remarked on the number of Revolutionary War veterans given how sparse Ohio's population would have been back then. Ms. O'Donnell noted there were many influential families in Granville at the time, so perhaps the local Revolutionary War veterans were buried there.

Chair Fee asked if getting the new headstone for William Yantis was hard to do. Ms. O'Donnell answered that it was done through the Department of Veteran's Affairs. They had a website which explained how to order a headstone. One submitted a form, pulled the service record, and they would process it on their end. The board thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her efforts.

Wagnor Cemetery – Request to city council for iron fencing

Secretary Shockey stated he hadn't drafted the letter to council regarding fencing at Wagnor Cemetery yet. He still felt the horse fence was inappropriate, but iron fencing was expensive. The city received an estimate for \$38,000 in 2020 for iron fencing. He had been reaching out, but most companies were not responding. He got an unofficial estimate for \$60,000. He was looking for alternatives. The board discussed how the original quote in 2020 was for all 4 sides and a gate. Perhaps, the board could get a quote for just 1 side and an ornate gate to go across the front. Secretary Shockey asked if the fence had to be rod iron. He got an estimate for \$12,000 for black aluminum designed to look like rod iron. The board discussed the reduced cost of aluminum, the amount of bend in the metal, and the good look. Secretary Shockey stated he would include the quote for aluminum and talk about iron for the front of the cemetery.

Member Murch stated the black fencing would identify the area as more of a sacred space than what was delineated by a horse fence. A front-only fence would convey uniformity with Maplewood Cemetery. Chair Fee stated Maplewood had brick plinths, hedges, and horse fence on the side that faced Straits Farm. The brick plinths were there because of the 5 driveways. Board members agreed it would be nice for the cemeteries to match. Member Jacobs suggested giving the city options, both expensive and cheaper. Member Murch noted the city would have to bid the work out, either way.

Board members further discussed where visitors could park at Wagnor Cemetery. There were no designated spots and an adjacent private driveway.

Wagnor Cemetery - Ohio History Connection opportunity

Clerk Mason reported that the Ohio History Connection (OHC) had identified the folder with the Wagnor Cemetery historical marker application. OHC representative Laura Russell wrote that someone could come view it and make copies. Chair Fee offered that opportunity to the board. Clerk Mason noted that Ms. Russell had said there wasn't much space for the entire group to visit and also offered that she might scan and send the materials. The board opted to see what Ms. Russell could send and proceed from there.

Other matters

Clerk Mason stated she would send the Veterans Memorial PowerPoint slides from the July 18 council meeting to the board. She would also invite Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly to speak to the board about Veterans Memorial plans at an upcoming CRAB meeting.

Schedule next meeting: The board agreed to set the next regular meeting on August 27, 2024 at 3:30 pm, skipping July due to summer travel schedules.

Poll members for comment:

Chair Fee thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her informative presentation. The board concurred.

Secretary Shockey thanked Clerk Mason for her thorough minutes. The board concurred.

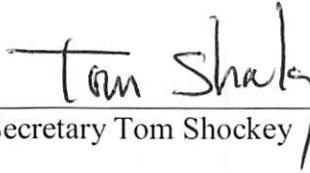
Adjournment:

Chair Fee adjourned meeting at 4:28 pm.

Signed:



Chair Mary Fee



Secretary Tom Shockey

10/22/24
Date

Old Burying Grounds

War of 1812

Silas Ogden

11 December 1792-18 July 1866

Have pension card

William Henry Yantis

5 December 1791 - 2 June 1872

Veteran of the Battle of North Point

Notable Cemetery Residents

Noble Landon

22 November 1783-30 October 1866

Post Master and Founder

Does not appear to have any military service.

Rev Joshua Montgomery

20 April 1802-13 August 1870

One of the founders of Otterbein.

Wagnor Cemetery

Revolutionary War

James H. Ginn
Died 19 January 1845
82 years 10 months 28 days
DAR Book

War of 1812

Zimri D. Hills
9 October 1787-3 February 1867
Index of the Grave Records of the Soldiers of the War of 1812

Christian Horlocker
1769-15 January 1857
Index of the Grave Records of the Soldiers of the War of 1812

Robert Campbell
Died 23 November 1860
Have service record card

Civil War

Alvin Bing Evans
Died 23 April 1871

Peter Bevelhymmer
10 June 1844- 25 April 1865

Samuel Evans
5 January 1807-23 June 1864