

The General John J. Pershing Boyhood Home SHS

Public Meeting October 19, 2022

Agenda

I want to thank you all for coming out this evening. It has been some year hasn't it? As with all of our past public meeting I want to talk about;

- How far we have come?
- What we are doing right now?
- What we are striving to do in the future?
- What is our goal?

How far have we come?

1. Lights on the statue and flags.
2. Ramp on the west side of the Pershing Home.
3. Sidewalk from parking lot to the visitor contact point.
4. Ramp on south side of Hall House Eagle Scout Project.
5. A.D.A door on visitor contact point.
6. A.D.A. picnic area.
7. Sidewalk from office to Pershing Home.
8. Exhibit cases in visitor contact point.
9. Tourist Information Center Affiliation.
10. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DNR and PPMA.
11. Signage for Tourist Info Center on US 36 and state route 5.
12. Painting of Pershing Home 2010.
13. General. Pershing's 150TH birthday celebration.
14. New roof on Pershing Home.
15. Historic Marker moved from US 36 to site.
16. Added a bench between Visitor Contact Point and PM School
17. Added Security Lighting to PM School
18. Replaced old dead Austrian Pine with new alive Austrian Pine.
19. Film Premier, "Doughboy".
20. Purchased future home of Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives
21. Soil from 8 First World War Cemeteries established by General Pershing.
22. Poppy Seeds from Smithsonian Horticultural Department.
23. Purchased property for First World War Commemorative Garden development.
24. Purchased \$10,000 condensed filing system for \$300
25. National Guard Constructs Special Collections Room in archive.
26. Transferred artifacts and cabinets from St. Joe Museum.
27. Purchased Exhibit Cases from St. Joe Museum.
28. Pantheon de la Guerre painting.

29. Acquisition of appropriate weapons of the Pershing era to aid interpretation.
30. Installed HVAC System in Special Collections Room.
31. Hosted the filming of “Black Jack: The Life and Legacy of General John J. Pershing”.
32. Successful Movie Premiere of “Black Jack”.
33. Gun carriages with Span-Am tubes.
34. Restoration of the Highway Billboard adding poppies.
35. Blessing and Dedication of the First World War Commemorative Garden.
36. Successful Movie Premiere of “SGT Stubby”
37. Mrs. Pershing Loaned picture of Pershing Home taken circa 1879-ish.
38. Pershing Rifles Loan of the “Omaha Cup” displayed in Prairie Mound School.
39. Sheet Rock and painted main gallery and archive room.
40. Danny’s Wooden Poppy Eagle Scout Project.
41. Historic Road Sign restored.
42. Installed concrete planters in First World War Commemorative Garden.
43. Repaired the Locust Creek Covered Bridge roof.
44. Naming Leadership Archive Room.
45. Wood plank flooring in hallway.
46. Carpet in main gallery.
47. Missouri: Over There Exhibit.
48. Display Cases refinished.
49. Plant Tree
50. Walking Trail
51. Blue Star Marker
52. Concrete Bench
53. Life-size fiberglass Mule
54. Platforms for Bike and Mule
55. 1897 Bicycle Buffalo Soldier Bicycle Corps
56. 1917 US Army Studebaker Mule Harness and McClellan Saddle.

2. **What are we doing right now?**

1. Develop a gift shop that generates revenue. Jana has been working really hard to find site specific items that both promote the site and sell. Not always as easy task.
2. Improve and develop a better Tourist Information Center. More and more people in our community have come to our door to gather information on planning their vacations in state.
3. Pershing Boyhood Home foundation full basement project. (on hold)
4. Paint Pershing Boyhood Home
5. Roof Prairie Mound School
6. Paint Prairie Mound School
7. Continuing to work on developing the site Conceptual Development Plan, Interpretation Plan, Operation Plan, and the Emergency Plans.
8. Working on a museum exhibit plan to best support our interpretation of the life and story of General Pershing.

9. Working on Acquiring, “General Pershing and his Generals of the AEF” from the US Army Archives.
3. **What are we striving to do in the future?**
1. Working on acquiring an M-26 Pershing Tank for the site.
 2. Working on getting a prop Gatling Gun, and a Philippine sword
 3. Still working on what the requirements are to be an electric or electric/ hybrid vehicle recharging station.
 4. Working on acquiring a Harley Davidson Motorcycle with sidecar to depict the Punitive Expedition into Mexico.
 5. Making a website more interactive to classrooms on the web. Also set up a 360 degree interactive tour.
 6. Complete and open to the public the Pershing Memorial Museum and Leadership Archives.
 7. Construct a retaining wall stage with soil near the new museum building from Pershing Home Foundation Project providing a program space big enough to support the US Army Band, “Pershing’s Own”. (Possibly called “Pershing Chinese Theater” honoring the Pershing Chinese interpreting their story and General Pershing’s role.)
 8. Add lights to outside of Pershing Home when foundation work is completed.
 9. Add lights to garden
4. **What is our goal or mission?**
- The mission of the state park system is to preserve and interpret the state's most outstanding natural landscapes and cultural landmarks, and to provide recreational opportunities compatible with those resources.
 - The mission of the PPMA is to develop a living and lasting memorial to the General of the Armies of the United States John J. Pershing.
 - Together our shared goal is for the General John J. Pershing State Historic Site to be the premier site to see in North Central Missouri.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Pershing Park Memorial Association. Your organization and commitment is the model for all friends groups in Missouri State Parks.

I would also like to thank all of the former staff and Administrators.

A special thank you to the current staff

Jana Keune Lead Interpreter and Phil Woodward, Maintenance Master of all. If you see it here on the grounds he has painted it or mowed around it more times than he would like to think about.

They say Sergeants make the Army run well these are two of the finest I’ve ever had the pleasure to work with.

