

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of May 10, 2022, Meeting at Township Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Present: Diane Calsbeek Terri Myers, Amy Peterson, Linda Dewey, Chairperson, and John Pepler, Liaison

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as proposed.

Minutes of April Meeting were approved as submitted.

No public present

Board of Trustees' Update: JP gave a lot of information about what happened at the last Board meeting. About the cemetery, he reported that he told the Board about the upcoming memorial service on May 27 and encouraged their attendance.

Committee Reports:

History/Research: Diane reported that due to research by the Glen Lake School young adults involved in the project, we have information about new people and more information that was available before on those we know are buried there. We have new developments, stories or documents on Joseph Frank Todd, Frank Golden, and William Hyatt Knickbocker.

Conflicting information has been found about the burial place of Nellie Lundgren. Diane will follow up on that.

Restoration: Terri reported that Ron Kelderhouse and Gary Gawne would be available to do the necessary work on Glen Burgess stone this month. They estimate 6-8 hours of work at \$50 an hour. Ryan Robinson is also available to do the work this month. His estimate is \$400. Both contacts were given to Pam, who said that this work would not need to go through the RFP process.

Both Chris Lester from Gourdy-Frazier and Kevin Ringwelski from Gosling Czubak were contacted regarding Ground Penetrating Radar at the cemetery. Kevin came out to walk the cemetery with Dewey and Myers.

After reviewing their suggestions, it was moved by Linda, seconded and passed that we split the project in two parts; that we recommend to the Board that first half of the project would focus

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in 2022 on smoothing the eastern portion of the property, including any more tree work, smoothing rough areas and cleaning brush. Phase 2 would include the remainder of the property to the west. GPR should be moved to 2023 for the east half. Also, in 2023 we will prepare the west half, and in 2024, GPR on that portion.

A portion of this year's budget earmarked for GPR can be applied to additional ground and tree work.

What was also noted is that the area just east and north of the cemetery property line toward the old roadway has a high potential for additional burial sites. Terri moved that we investigate and notify the National Park that we would like GPR east and north of the property lines to access the potential for burial sites on National Park property. Motion was seconded and passed.

Linda mentioned she had talked to Ron Calsbeek who would be willing to help with certain areas of cleanup if he could get the use of a tractor. She will talk to Jeff Gietzen about the use of Northwood Hardware's Kabota.

Maintenance: Amy reported that both she and Terri (who are both members of Friends of Sleeping Bear) work on smoothing the path and pruning roots to the ground.

Cleanup for the Memorial Day weekend ceremony will be done by committee members and volunteers on May 21 at 10 a.m.

Education: Andrew White, Diane Calsbeek and Linda continue to work on historical files in support of the 8th grade project at Glen Lake Schools. Mrs. Okerlund, their teacher, has also spent a great deal of time and energy on the project. The 8th graders completed their Cemetery field trip on April 18, which included a trip to the cemetery itself, as well as the Empire Area Museum and the Leelanau Historical Museum.

The 3rd Annual Memorial ceremony will be held on May 27. Cancellation only in case of lightning.

The Glen Lake 8th graders, led by Mrs. Okerlund, will attend. During the ceremony, they will indicate the person they researched by raise of hands when that person's name is called. Anne-Marie Oomen will recite the poem she wrote that was inspired by last year's ceremony. John Sawyer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will talk about Civil War veteran Daniel Parker and dedicate that grave. (Suggested donation to SUVCS \$100 is in this year's budget.) Norm Wheeler will play taps. (Suggested \$50 fee also in this year's budget.)

Chairs from Township Hall will be brought over. Students will help carry them in.

Invitations will go out to those involved in this project including the National Park officials

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involved, our township trustees, plus a few descendants who have contacted us.

Since we cannot accommodate a lot of people and there will already be 50 students present, a press release will not go out to the public, but a follow-up story will be placed with media.

CAB members, plus Sue Johnson and Dianne Nichols, should be at the cemetery at 9:30 a.m.

A new list of additional persons probably buried at the cemetery is attached below.

Old Business: The open CAB position has been advertised for a month, but there have been no responses.

The GPR mapping and NPS permission for GPR items on agenda were all discussed organically during the committee reports.

New Business: A National Park Archaeologist Team was in town, and Terri was hoping that could advise us on how to proceed with our project. Unfortunately, by the time she found out, the team had left town. Kim Mann did provide the name of a local archaeologist who may be of some assistance.

There being no more business to come before the cemetery board, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 p.m., June 7, 2022, Glen Arbor Twp. Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Calsbeek, Secretary

Additional Persons Probably Buried at Cemetery
(awaiting further documentation)

Probable

1. Baker, Infant
2. Daniels, Rebecca Cox Mother of Eliza Daniels, died March 17, 1885. News article says they lost three children while living here. We have records for two.
3. Olsen, Jennie Mother of Olaf Olsen (not to be confused with Jenny Oleson, wife of Nels Oleson)
4. Olsen, Carl Father of Olaf Olsen (not to be confused with Carl Oleson, son of Nels Oleson)

5. Grandmother of Burr Parker
6. Grandfather of Burr Parker
7. Parker Sibling of Burr Parker
8. Ray, Caroline George's mother, Lenox, Ohio
9. Ray, George
10. St. Peter, Joseph Jennie St Peter Oleson's parents and one more