

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of June 14, 2022, Meeting at Township Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Present: Diane Calsbeek Terri Myers, Amy Peterson, Linda Dewey, Chairperson, and Don Lewis (sitting in for John Pepler)

Absent: Amy Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as proposed.

Minutes of May Meeting were approved as submitted.

No public present

Board of Trustees' Update: There were no updates.

Committee Reports:

*History/Research:* Diane reported that our death certificate for Nellie Lundgren is correct. Upon investigation, she found that the "Find a Grave" site people had misread the certificate. She is buried in the Glen Arbor cemetery. Diane will try to connect with "Find a Grave" to see if their site can be corrected.

*Restoration:* Terri has contacted Ron Kelderhouse about repair and cleaning of the Glen Burgess and three other stones. He has developed a plan and a quote which was given to Pam, who will take it to the Board of Trustees. His work, when approved, would begin over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Terri said Pam reported to her that the township is very busy right now, and further plans to hire a company to clear the remaining stumps and downed tree debris must wait until fall.

There was discussion about having volunteers work before the official fall cleanup, including the possibility of using a borrowed tractor and driver. Don Lewis advised there would most likely be a problem with insurance if we did that, and we would need advice from the Board about how that might work. After further discussion, it was decided that it would be a better course of action to wait until the stump work is done in the fall before we talk further about volunteers and machinery use, etc.

Discussion was had that in the future, we would like to find out whether bodies are buried outside of our current perimeter and see if so, possibly to trade their location(s) with the National Park. Linda will send the latest Lidar scan the Park did to Terri.

Terri contacted Xi Bromley, a local professor of archeology who has worked with other cemeteries and has a world of knowledge. Xi suggested we hire her services since she has knowledge of mapping and what needs to be done in our cemetery before GPR. Terri will ask Xi for a proposal. Linda indicated she would like to accompany Terri and Xi for a preliminary meeting at the cemetery.

Linda reminded us of an online seminar on cemetery restoration sponsored by U of M Flint and suggested Xi might be aware of that program and others like it.

*Maintenance:* No report. Amy was absent.

*Education:* Despite the cold and rainy weather, the Ceremony on May 27 went off without a hitch due to excellent CAB preparation and plenty of volunteer help. Though an official count was not taken, approximately 100 were in attendance.

Linda and Mrs. Okerlund will meet this summer to collect the notebooks created by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for distribution to the GL Library, Town Hall, Empire Heritage Museum, Leelanau Museum, plus one for the school library and one for their classroom. Linda will discuss the possibility of acquiring digital copies of everything from Okerlund for future use.

#### Update on Project Timeline:

The committee decided to wait until after we talk with archeologist (if she gets hired) before we make a firm timeline. Hopefully, we can make a hiring recommendation to the Board of Trustees at their July meeting. We decided to wait until September to ask for an RFP to finish tree stump removal and rough ground work.

Adjournment: There being no more business brought before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Calsbeek, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 p.m., July 12, 2022, GA Twp. Meeting Room