

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes March 14, 2023, Meeting at Township Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Diane Calsbeek, Julie Hopple, Terri Myers, Linda Dewey, Chairperson, Don Lewis (Board Liaison), and Pam Laureto, Township Clerk. No public present.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

Agenda: The agenda was accepted with one addition.

Minutes of December Meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comment: None.

Trustees' CAB Update: So far, nine companies have turned ~~returned their~~ requested Proposals for Ground Penetration Radar. They are due April 17, and the vendor will be picked at the Board meeting on the 18th.

Diane will send Pam a list of adults and children we know are buried in the cemetery.

Pam presented an addendum that she sent out to the original Proposal for Ground Penetration Radar.

Email Communications: Pam and Don presented a thorough account of what may and may not be communicated via email. The upshot is that anything containing information is fine, but no opinions or polling is allowed.

Committee Reports:

Restoration/Maintenance (Terri & Julie): Kim Mann at Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore told Terri that the fencing at the Werner Cemetery has been both repaired and replaced many times.

Julie has been in touch with Bill from Apple Fencing re: visiting our cemetery in order to make a recommendation about repairing or replacing the fence around the Trumbull plot.

Terri has spoken at length with DeDe DeManigold from the Trumbull family about their desires for care of the family plot

Terri has contacted Swenson Monuments and Anger Monuments. Christina and Andrea at Swenson would like to visit the site once the snow clears. Roger Anger has had experience of the types of marker stones were interested in, having worked with them at St. Ignace cemetery and one on Mackinac Island. He advised that if marker stones are placed upright, a cement foundation will likely be needed. He also provided quotes for different styles and materials for stone markers.

Marsha Buehler of the Omena Historical Society will help us get further information on the size and material of the marker stones in the Omena Cemetery.

Terri most recently has found helpful information in the Michigan Historical Preservation Guide about fencing (page 47). She will search further to see if they recommend anything regarding stone markers.

Education (Linda): Linda's Report is quite extensive. You will find it attached. In addition, she will be speaking at a May 9th meeting of the Glen Lake **Arbor** Women's Club.

In February, Linda looked up death records at the county clerk's office, looking for information on the individuals we don't have definite documentation that they are buried at the cemetery. She found several, but they cost \$0 \$10 per record, and there is no guarantee the information will be there.

Plans were made for the Memorial Day Weekend ceremony. Terri and Julie will coordinate volunteers, arrange to bring over chairs, and contact Friends of Sleeping Bear for the Trak Chair.

Research/History (Diane): Diane was in touch with DeDe **De**Manigold from the Trumbull family. She passed along the information to Terri who will make further contact.

She also spoke with Andrew White who advised that the Port Oneida cemetery fence was repaired and painted.

Diane will ask Pam Laureto to notify the National Park Service about our Memorial Service and obtain a permit for the use of the Trak machine, **if necessary**.

Diane visited the Leelanau County Clerk's Office and read through the documents in the file of The People of Leelanau County versus Asa Allen, who was accused of murdering William Knickerbocker. There were no charging document or other trial documents, but Diane did find an order demanding Asa Allen appear for sentencing. Then there was an appeal document filed. After much searching on the part of the Clerk's Office staff, the only further reference to the case was in a Liber indicating that sentencing was deferred.

Diane also searched the files of William Brown, Administrator of the Estate of Nellie Lundgren versus Henry Nessen, who owned the company store, and an employee pharmacist who allegedly filled a prescription with the wrong medication which eventually killed Nellie. The suit was asking for money damages to help with her surviving son's future expenses. The suit was settled for \$200, which each party paying their own expenses.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before CAB, meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Calsbeek, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 p.m., April 4, 2023, GA Twp. Meeting Room

ATTACHMENT: Education Report
March Education Committee Report for CAB

Upcoming Dates:

April 6 - Deadline for additions/changes to Google Drive files on cemetery burials

April 10 - Glen Lake 8th grade program kick off date: April 10

April 21 - Glen Lake 8th grade field trip to cemetery

Empire and Leland historical museums

Cherry Republic for lunch

Possible bus/walking tour (depending on weather and distance) of historical places related to people buried at our cemetery

May ?? – GPR – Media publicity

May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend kick-off Ceremony at the Cemetery

1. To Do:

- a. Linda - The files need a lot of work. Not all of them are on Google Drive at the moment. Lists are out of date. Andrew has material to add into those drives.
- b. Diane - Hopefully, the trial information from Michelle Crocker's office can be included in this work this year.
- c. GLS 8th grade program – guest speakers to visit Glen Lake School: Kim Kelderhouse of the Leelanau Historical Museum, Dave Taghon of the Empire Area Historical Museum, and historian Andrew White
 - i. Linda is devising an opening lesson taking students through the experience of understanding a sample death certificate, looking individuals up in the census, and creating a profile from information in obituaries
 - ii. Linda is coordinating the field trip with teachers Melissa Okerlund and Lisa Nadlicki, including a new historical tour

2. May 27 Ceremony – Norm Wheeler and John Sawyer and the SUVCW have accepted the invitation to again participate. This year's address by John Sawyer will be on Civil War veteran James Lawrence Green. Eighth graders will participate as they did last year.

TO DO: In preparation, we need to

- a. Organize and sign up volunteers – parking, onsite ushering,
 - b. Arrange for the Track machine from Friends of Sleeping Bear, cones, chairs
 - c. Linda will ask Pam to notify the National Park Service
 - d. Linda – publicity – Facebook, radio, tv, newspapers, media
 - e. Linda and Pam: The township should also issue an invitation to noted individuals, organizations, and companies who have participated in the project.
3. Once we have a GPR date and GUIDELINES for media attendance (such as, no one trods uncompleted cemetery grounds), Linda will reach out to local media for coverage. Mark Scholett of 7 & 4 TV and Record-Eagle are GEEKED about this.