

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes July 11th, 2023, Meeting at Township Meeting Room

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

Present: Diane Calsbeek, Terri Myers, Linda Dewey, Chairperson, Don Lewis, Board Representative.
No public present.

Absent: Julie Hopple

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

Agenda: Linda asked that the review of the long-term plan be moved to after the committee reports.
With that change, the agenda was accepted.

Public Comment: None

Conflict of Interest: None

Minutes of June Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Board of Trustees' Update on CAB: Don reported that there is nothing new or pending on the Board of Trustees regarding CAB.

CAB Membership Status: We need to think about who might be a good addition to our advisory board.

We should tell persons who might be interested in working with CAB that there is a position open and that they should contact Pam.

Committee Reports:

Restoration/Maintenance (Terri & Julie):

Zak Baker's site map was sent to Ron Kelderhouse. Ron's plans remain to visit the site and work on the needed stone repairs in August.

Repair/replacement of the Trumbull fence was discussed with Pam following our last meeting.

At this point during Terri's report, the board discussed how to go about getting movement on the repair or replacement of fencing. The following are questions we need to determine:

1. Should we repair or replace Trumbull fencing?
2. Should we fence in the mass grave site?
3. If so, should it be done at the same time as the Trumbull plot?
4. We need to determine if we would suggest fencing for the entire one-acre plot and add it to our long-range plan.

5. What kind of fencing: The same as we have in the Trumbull plot, wrought iron, or something else? Consider cost of fence material and installation. Each CAB member should do some on-line investigation.

Back to Committee Reports: (*Terri*)

Stone Markers: Terri met with Christine Torrey from Swensen Monuments on 7/5/23 at the cemetery so Christine could see the site and assess our needs in terms of marker stones. Christine will draw up a rough estimate in terms of varieties of markers and prices. She looks forward to being involved in the RFP process.

Six Areas in Question Found by GPS: Contact has been made with Dr. Thomas Henthorn, history profession a U of M-Flint about the six areas found by GPR, areas that might contain a historical marker or small buried item.

Dr. Henthorn reached out to Andrew Nolan of Silent Cities LLC, who is currently working on a project at Oakwood Cemetery. Terri spoke with Mr. Nolan and learned that he has experience in raising and restoring head and foot stones and is willing to help us in any way he can. He has an acquaintance who is an archaeologist and who has work with him in the past. He will inform her of our current needs regarding the six areas in question in our cemetery. Mr. Nolan and Terri will keep in touch.

Public Awareness (previously Education) (Linda): Linda spoke to the Grand Traverse Geological Society about our cemetery and its history.

Linda reported that Melissa Okerlund said that the notebooks her class has been working on will be turned over to the township this week and will also be delivered to libraries and township museums.

Research/History: (Diane) Nothing new to report

Long-term Plan: The board discussed items under summer and fall of 2023 and then decided we were going to need a lot more time than had been allotted for this meeting. Linda moved that we have a special meeting on July 25 at 1:30 p.m. to further discuss the plan. Motion seconded and passed. Between now and then, it was suggested that we each do some online studies to look at other old cemeteries, their fencing, their entrances, paths, benches, etc.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before CAB, meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Calsbeek, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Special Meeting July 25, 1:30 p.m., GA Twp. Meeting Room