

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting at Township Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m.

Present: Diane Calsbeek, Terri Myers, Linda Dewey, Chairperson, Don Lewis, Board Representative. Four public present.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

Agenda: Accepted as presented.

Public Comment: None

Conflict of Interest: None

Minutes of June Meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Plan for Cemetery:

After much discussion, it was decided to ask the Board of Trustees to consider what they are willing to spend for short- and long-term maintenance before we consider any long-term plans. Do they envision paying for mowing at least once a year? What about a fence for at least the entrance?

Also, we asked Don to determine what is left in our budget for this year,

Our wishes for immediate implementation include:

1. Temporary markers for the newly found graves. Don Lewis is willing to donate granite pieces to mark the graves. Linda suggested marker at the four corners of the mass grave site.
2. Walking pathways among the graves (this fall if possible, or early spring next year)
3. Ground penetrating radar found six places where there might be markers underground. They need to be dug up and identified, if possible. (Any digging must be sanctioned by the Board of Trustees.)

Linda will contact Pam about a possible proposal by Emily Modrall, an archeologist, for raising the objects. Emily feels we need some kind of identifying rectangle around each grave. Terri is going to contact another archeologist to get a second opinion and maybe a proposal.

Path to Cemetery: The path to the cemetery is maintained by Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear (Susan Pocklington, contact). Path needs work. Linda will ask Pam to contact them and encourage them to work on it.

Thoughts about long-term planning:

1. Entrance to cemetery to replicate somewhat the pillars at the entrance to DH Day roads??
2. Fencing on the Trumbull site, around the mass grave, and possibly the whole acre-plot??

Public Comments:

*Andy White:* We should have bike racks at the entrance to the cemetery. On Park property?? It would be nice to have them at the entrance at the road, but that's currently Park property.

Unless we want to reforest the cemetery, it will need to be mowed at least once a year.

*Vicki Vanderkwaak:* Vicki asked if we had seen the Palmer Woods fern garden. She suggested we check to see how it is laid out and how they did it. It was also suggested that we might also partner with the Conservancy.

*Lloyd Vanderkwaak:* Lloyd suggested we have flat markers for ease of mowing.

Adjournment: There being no more business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Calsbeek, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2023, 1:30 p.m. GA Township meeting Room