

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8 MEETING

Present: Terri Myers, Diane Calsbeek, Linda Dewey, Chairperson. No public present

Absent: Don Lewis

Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m. , opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes** of July 11<sup>th</sup> and Special Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> received as amended: 1. Linda suggested stone corner (not markers) at the four corners of the mass grave site. 2 Emily Modrall feels each of the six sites should be dug methodically in grid-like fashion. 3. Path to cemetery is maintained by Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes.

**Board of Trustees Update:** Don was not present, but we received word that there is \$3350 left in the budget for this year.

**CAB member status:** Julie Hopple’s resignation was accepted by the Board of Trustees.

**Committee Reports:**

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1. Stone placement to replace flags. Do we have a plan in place yet?
2. Have we shared the GPR data with Emily? Is she authorized to share this info with the state archaeologist?
3. Andrew Noland from Silent Cities cannot visit until October 1. He is interested in learning what Emily recommends.
4. Can a bike rack be placed on the Park property at the path entrance to cemetery?  
Terri will refer the matter to Pam.
5. Terri reported that Rose Wirth, Inland Township Clerk, told her the sunny areas in their cemetery are mown 1-2 times a season as needed.
6. Kim Mann reported that goats are used in the Park for conservation grazing. It’s a training program though YouthWorks.

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1. Zach Baker confirmed that the cemetery itself is one acre in area. The 1.58 acres is from the road, but the Park owns .58 portion between the western perimeter of the cemetery and Forest Haven Road.
2. 8th grade notebooks were delivered by Melissa Okerlund and distributed by Linda Dewey to the Township office, Empire Library, Empire Museum, and Leland Museum. Two will stay at the school. They are available for public perusal.
3. CAB must query the board officially about Google Drive??

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Diane has started work on Google Drive, but will consult with Linda after meeting for questions she has.

**Fencing:**

Linda moved that we suggest chain link fencing not be used. It is not historic and not aesthetically pleasing. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Markers:**

Linda moved that CAB recommend that future markers on unmarked graves be placed vertically. Motion seconded and passed.

**What does Board of Trustees envision** for the cemetery going forward? Diane will write a letter to the Board with the following suggestions:

Your Cemetery Advisory Board makes the following recommendations:

1. Hire an archaeologist to methodically dig at the six sites marked by the GPR company where something lies under the ground other than a grave marker.
2. Temporarily mark the 75 previously unmarked graves with flat flag stones furnished by Don Lewis.
3. Due to the historical nature of the cemetery, the CAB recommends vertical headstones for the 75 currently unmarked graves.
4. Fencing: Replace the fencing around the Trumbull plot. Erect similar fencing (Cab will provide recommendations) around the mass grave found by GPR at the western end of the cemetery. The fencing should be historically correct, NOT chain link fencing.
5. Establish paths throughout the cemetery, probably mulched.
6. Hire a consultant cemetery landscaper to help us plan and understand the alternatives available for fencing, path materials, plantings, and markers.
7. Create a Google file for CAB to establish as the Google Drive for storage for CAB and for access for the Glen Lake School children. Google Drive is the only storage system they use, and we have thousands of documents and pictures that are currently on Linda Dewey's Google Drive account. Linda is leaving CAB at the end of this calendar year.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** 1:30 p.m. September 5 , 10 a.m. at the Township Meeting Room