GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF September 5, 2023, MEETING

Present: Terri Myers, Diane Calsbeek, Linda Dewey, Chairperson. Public present: Andrew White

Absent: Don Lewis

Meeting called to order at 10:50 a.m., opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Minutes from August 8 were approved as presented.

Board of Trustees Update: Don was not present, but we received word that the Board accepted five of our seven recommendation and that CAB has been sunsetted. The two recommendations that were not accepted were the hiring of a landscape architect and archeological consultant.

Moving forward:

Terri reported that Ron Kelderhouse has assessed the stonework still needed at the cemetery and has presented a quote of a total of 9 hours at \$50 an hour. Terri moved that we recommend to the Board that Ron be hired and that a maximum of \$500 be allowed for his work. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Cab remains adamant that ongoing maintenance of the cemetery should be a priority. Andy White said he thought that there is a way that the National Park can help areas that are not in the Park. He will check into this further and report back to us.

CAB discussed asking the Board to continue us as an ad hoc committee. Rationale:

- 1. People who are not resident of GA but are interested in the cemetery would be allowed on the committee.
- 2. The ad hoc committee could do research and make recommendations regarding maintenance, fencing, path design.
- 3. Organize the yearly Memorial weekend ceremony
- 4. Interface with the school and community for cultural programs and activities
- 5. Assist with organizing a new Google Drive and adding a link to the Township Website

Andy suggested that, perhaps, an ad hoc committee might not be the best name for the committee. He will check Michigan laws on different kinds of cemetery committees and report at the October meeting.

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Diane moved that the matter be tabled until we hear further from Andy. Motion was seconded and passed with one NO vote.

There being no further business to come before CAB at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 12, 1:30 p.m. GA Township Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted, d/c Diane Calsbeek, Secretary