

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP  
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF October 10, 2023, MEETING

Present: Terri Myers, Diane Calsbeek, Linda Dewey, Chairperson., Don Lewis, liaison.  
Public present: No one.

Meeting called to order at 1:34 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment:** None

**Review and Approval of Agenda:** Linda asked that the committee reports be given after the Board of Trustee's Report. Everyone agreed.

**Minutes** from September 5, 2023 were approved as presented.

**Board of Trustees Update:** Don reported that he and Pam walked around the cemetery property to see where the stones would be placed. He said the cemetery sign is up and, because the National Park Service gave them one week to get the stones on the property, they will be delivered ASAP. He reported that he and Pam will begin placing the stones on graves as soon as the weather and their time permit.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **Restoration (Terri):** Terri reported that Ron Kelderhouse finished the stone repairs. He also had some ideas for financing ongoing maintenance.

*Questions:*

1. Has there been any attempt to proceed in excavation of the six unknown areas:  
Pam told Linda that at the present time, the township's attention is on getting the sign in place and the graves marked before snowfall. In time, the board may look again at the six unknown areas.
2. Has the Board made any decision regarding a walking path? Is this something we should be looking at for the next fiscal year? Same answer as No. 1 above.
3. Who is in charge of pulling out the thistles that have grown in the cemetery? Can we get a group of volunteers to help with the task? If so, will they be covered by insurance while in the cemetery? There was quite a bit of discussion; and it was determined that with a disclaimer signed by the volunteers and presented to Pam, volunteers could work at the cemetery and be covered by the Glen Arbor insurance. Terri will check with Pam to be sure.
4. Would the Board be interested in opening the cemetery for burial of ashes (a suggestion from Ron Kelderhouse)? Don said that there might be state regulations concerning this and health regulations. The township is not interested in activating the cemetery in any way.

Terri suggested that we might try to sell bricks with the name of the contributor on them (also a suggestion from Ron Kelderhouse). And if they have a family member buried there, the deceased's name could also

appear on it. They could be placed near the sign or be part of a pathway. CAB members were receptive to the idea.

**B. *Public Awareness (Linda):***

1. Linda took Bob Sutherland and his employees on a tour of the cemetery
2. She also announced that she was contacted by WTCM and was asked to give an update on the cemetery. She expects that to happen within the week.
3. Linda noted that the flags appear to be missing from the Trumbull plot, and Pam noted that painted rocks and a candle had been left in the plot and were removed by Pam. Linda noted that the descendants are probably unaware of the regulations regarding these items and that the flags are needed for stone placement.
4. Linda suggested that public awareness could be facilitated through contacting the Descendants and asked Diane and Andy to compile a list of descendants, starting with the Trumbull family. Terri will get Dede DeManigold's contact info to Pam immediately so Pam can contact them.
5. Linda suggested that we might start a monthly Newsletter that we go to descendants of persons buried in the cemetery and be published on the Facebook page "Resurrecting the Glen Arbor Township Cemetery," newspapers (especially the "Glen Arbor Sun" ). Do we need Board approval for same?

**C. *Research/History (Diane) :*** Andy White and Diane will continue working on Google files, removing email addresses and any personal information. Diane will contact Andy and Barb Siepker to get a list of the descendants of persons we know are buried in the cemetery.

**Budget:** Don informed us that we need not work on a budget since we will cease activity as an Advisory Board as of the end of December.

**Going forward as an ad hoc committee:** We had a very general discussion of how our new ad hoc committee will work, which will make it easier than we anticipated going forward. One thing is that we don't have to prepare a budget. Another is that we probably won't have a lot of work to do until the Board asks for assistance. We can also invite persons not living in Glen Arbor who have interest in the cemetery to be on the committee.

CAB committee thanked Don for all the help and support he has given us.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before us, meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 14, 1:30 p.m. GA Township Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Calsbeek, Secretary

