



Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board February 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Denise Kohn, Vice Chair	A
Bill Resch	P
Nancy Ferguson	P
David Cline	P
Mary Fee	P

Also present: Mark Nemec – Director, Service Dept./Staff Member

Approval of the October 28, 2016 and November 29, 2016 meeting minutes:

Chair Zets moved to approve the October 26, 2016 minutes. Member Resch seconded, and all voted to approve the October 26, 2016 minutes.

Member Resch moved to approve the November 29, 2016 minutes. Member Ferguson seconded, and voted to approve the November 29, 2016 minutes, with Chair Zets abstaining, as was not present at this meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

Due to time Chair Zets waived approval of the agenda as we have a pressing task to complete.

Continue organizing recommendations for the Board's report to council:

Mark Nemec and Member Ferguson both talked to Mark Morton of Gravestone Guardians of Ohio for quotes on restoring the monuments. Mark Morton said he was ready to give the board quotes, however no action had happened.

Member Cline recommended Mark Smith of Gravestone Transformations, and had used his services to restore his great-grandparent's stones. Chair Zets recommended

that the board get a quote from both. Member Ferguson stated she would contact both of the companies.

The board then set out requirements that must be met by anyone restoring the stones using guidelines set by the National Center for Preservation Technology.

The cemetery contained 46 stones that had a different kind of restoration needed:

1. Put back in the base
2. Repair broken stone
3. Re-construct a base
4. Clean all

There were six names with no stone and the board agreed to get an estimate from the Columbus Art Memorial for the cost of a period-type monument.

The board went to Phase II and Member Ferguson had pre-paired a draft of the proposal for City Council. Draft three (3) of this document would be e-mailed to all members and Clerk Jennifer Mason

Item one: There was much talk about random placing the stones. One problem was that the stone would not be on the real grave and, if someone wanted DNA, it would be the wrong person. Another option was to place the stones in a wall.

Member Resch moved that the unknown 42 stones whose original location is unknown, be cleaned, repaired, and reset in the ground in groups in four locations around the cemetery, possibly near the corners placed in rows. Leaving the ten that are already in rows in place. Also attach a plate to the four known stones that are thought to be on the grave. Second by Member Ferguson. Two voting members approved and one opposed (Zets). All non-voting members approved.

Schedule the next meeting:

Next meeting was set for March 9, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Chair Zets moved to adjourn. Member Ferguson seconded. Adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes taken by Member David M. Cline

Signed:



Brian Zets, Chair



David M. Cline, Secretary

3/17/17
Date