



Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board  
August 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Village Hall

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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:35 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	P
Bill Resch, Secretary	A
Nancy Ferguson	P
Thomas Shockey	P
Mary Fee	A
TBD	

Staff members present: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council. Public present: Denise Kohn.

**Approval of the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes:**

Chair Zets asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. Hearing none, Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the June 12, 2019 minutes. Chair Zets seconded. All members voted to approve the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Chair Zets asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the agenda. Member Ferguson seconded and all members voted to approve the agenda.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None.

**Cemetery Restoration Update and Discussion:**

Members discussed the dimensions and costs of the historical marker. Chair Zets referred to the Ohio History Connection application. If the sign had 1 inch letters, 90-120 words could be accommodated. If the sign had 5/8s inch letters, up to 130 words could be accommodated. Member Ferguson recalled that John Saveson worked on the Ealy House marker and that it was a lot of effort, with much back and forth communication with the Historical Society, to get it approved. Mr. Saveson had to

provide backup documentation for the statements in the text. Vice Chair Wilson suggested starting to gather the same for the cemetery sign so that the CRAB would be prepared for that process. Chair Zets read aloud that the marker could have text on both sides. He wondered if the two sides should address different aspects or if the second side should be a continuation of the text on first side. Member Ferguson recalled that the Ealy House text was a continuation of the narrative started on the first side. Ms. Kohn asked if it was possible to use different fonts or colors to garner attention for the sign. Chair Zets answered that more fonts raised the price.

Member Ferguson, referring to the summary of the sign text drafted by Chair Zets, observed that the destruction of the cemetery by bulldozer had been omitted. She thought it was important to include this fact. Members discussed how the cemetery had been bulldozed by an angry neighbor several decades prior. Member Wilson was in favor of the summary text, but suggested not including the exact number of headstones being replaced as that number could change. Member Ferguson expected to know the final number soon and the list would be on the cemetery webpage.

Members discussed whether listing all the names of those interred on the sign was appropriate, but decided there would not be enough room. Member Ferguson expressed that it was possible that new persons could be discovered as being interred at the cemetery if a new resource was found. Members discussed how some buried at the New Albany Cemetery were moved to Maplewood Cemetery in the 1960s.

Vice Chair Wilson suggested putting the bulldozing incident on the back of the historic marker. Members discussed adding to Chair Zets' summary. Chair Zets volunteered to do the next draft. Member Ferguson said that the spelling of "Arnold" did contain an M, this was not an error.

Chair Zets said he would send out the Historical Marker application to members and staff, as some reported not receiving it. Vice Chair Wilson suggested submitting the application to the Ohio History Connection sooner rather than later so that there was sufficient time to get it approved.

Members discussed a trip to Wagner Cemetery on Central College Road while the weather was still good. Member Ferguson said that she wanted council to set aside an annual amount for the restoration and upkeep of its cemeteries, preferably \$15,000. Council was going to be working on the 2020 budget soon.

Member Ferguson told the board that Wagner Cemetery needed much less work than the New Albany Cemetery. Some headstones were broken, but they were next to their bases. The city knew who was buried at Wagner. Mostly what needed to be done was repairing the broken monuments. Chair Zets suggested getting quotes for work so that the costs could be presented to council. Member Ferguson told the board that she had

met with Mark Smith and gotten quotes before. She would see if she still had those notes or contact him. Chair Zets asked Member Ferguson to circulate that information to board members. Member Ferguson said that the meeting with Mark Smith was generally framed as a "future project."

Member Ferguson described Wagner Cemetery and the community that originally surrounded it, including a church and school. Members discussed the condition of the current chain link fence. Vice Chair Wilson recalled that the flag at Wagner was lit. Member Ferguson said that the city's Public Service Department planted flowers and the cemetery had a historical marker. Members discussed trees at Wagner.

Chair Zets asked about the status of the New Albany Cemetery monuments that were slated to be reproduced. Clerk Mason thought Director Nemec or City Manager Joseph Stefanov would know where that project stood. The last discussion had been about contracting out for that work.

Member Ferguson recalled that the money for the historical marker had already been approved by council.

Members discussed potential candidates for the open CRAB position and narrowed the pool down to five candidates. Clerk Mason said she would take those candidates to council for them to make the next appointment.

**Other Business:**

None.

**Schedule the next meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at Wagner Cemetery.

**Poll members for comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Chair Zets moved and Vice Chair Wilson seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Signed:



Brian Zets, Chair



Bill Resch, Secretary

11/9/19  
Date