



Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board

August 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Zets at 3:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Denise Kohn, Vice-Chair	P
Bill Resch	A
Nancy Ferguson	A
David Cline	P
TBD	
Kate Macchi	P

Also present: Jennifer Mason - Clerk of Council, Mark Nemec – Director, Service Department/Staff Member, Jerry Merrith – Guest.

Approval of the May 11, 2016 meeting Minutes:

Chair Zets moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Kohn seconded, and all voted to approve the May 11, 2016 minutes.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Zets moved to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Kohn seconded, and all voted to approve the agenda.

Dr. Jarrod Burk presents the Ohio Valley Archeology, Inc. report:

Clerk Mason distributed the Ohio Valley Archeology reports to those who needed a hard copy.

Dr. Jarrod Burks, Director of Geophysical Surveys at Ohio Valley Archeology, Inc. (OVA), began by starting a Power Point display and reviewing the project's objectives.

- (1) Map surface of cemetery
- (2) Conduct geophysical survey
- (3) Locate outer boundary fence
- (4) Conduct probing survey to look for buried stones
- (5) Excavate targets

- (6) Identify stones
- (7) Document stones

Dr. Burks explained the use of the drone to do surface mapping and the magnetic and radar surveys to do underground mapping. An old landfill from the early 1900s made up of rocks and garbage, including glass bottles and broken plates, was discovered in the northeast corner of the surveyed area. Dr. Burks described the digging of two trenches instead of the entire perimeter of the cemetery to save trees. He noted evidence of three possible fences, two wooden and one steel.

Dr. Burks described the process of probing an estimated 9,500 times resulting in 152 positive probes. The New Albany Service Department staff assisted in excavating items which were numbered and identified in the OVA report appendix. Headstones with previously unknown names were uncovered. Stone bases and caps were brought up. Some rubble-capped graves without identification were marked and recorded. A 10x10 ft. square foundation was identified. The former building's purpose was unknown and could have been for cold storage, could have been erected as an out building after the cemetery was abandoned, or could have had some other function. Grave stones were recovered from the creek and all cemetery stones were stored on pallets in a locked garage.

Pictures were taken of found objects and documented in the OVA report. Plain Township records were reviewed. OVA postulated that 68-140 individuals were likely buried in the old cemetery. 66 or more were likely moved to Maplewood cemetery.

Dr. Burks made some recommendations as possible next steps including cleaning the stones, building a new fence to deter further damage, creating a plan to reinstall existing stones in some fashion, developing historical/interpretive signage, and conducting an archeological dig to further examine the building foundation or other features. Dr. Burks ended his formal presentation.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec asked what was located outside of the identified fencing. Dr. Burks stated that there was evidence of later occupation. There was pit of trash, light bulbs, glass bottles, and animal bones. The outbuilding discovered in the cemetery could have been associated with that later tenant.

Dr. Burks reported that some of the stone bases were too heavy to have been moved out of place by hand and that horses, block and tackle, or machinery were probably involved.

Dr. Burks asked what city council would want to hear about in the abbreviated report. Chair Zets replied that the C.R.A.B. members would provide guidance on which were the most important items.

C.R.A.B. members and Dr. Burks discussed the building foundation and what would be needed to glean further information. There was currently sod placed back over the foundation. Some of the nearby trash was from the late 1800s. Dr. Burks recommended an archeological dig.

Chair Zets made a motion to request an estimate from Dr. Burks for the cost and time to complete a dig for two locations – one inside of the old fence where the building was and one outside where there was evidence of later occupation. Denise Kohn seconded the motion and the all voted to approve obtaining an estimate.

Begin organizing recommendations for Phase II of cemetery restoration and report to city council:

A question was raised about the health of the trees in the area. Member Kate Macchi reported sending pictures of the trees to Aaron Noblett, an arborist, who stated that the trees were in good health.

C.R.A.B. members discussed ways of organizing their proposals. It was agreed that the members would put together their ideas in the form of drawings and/or bullet points and email those to Chair Zets by September 7th. He would organize them for the September 14th meeting.

Old Business:

Member David Cline reported saving some of the items discovered during the probing and digging for preservation and display. The items, including bottles, a scythe blade, and iron fence posts were shown at Founder's Day and Council Member Marsh was present to tell stories about historical New Albany. The items were now inventoried and being kept at the Ealy House. David Cline gave Clerk Mason some pictures and research to keep with these minutes. (See attachments.)

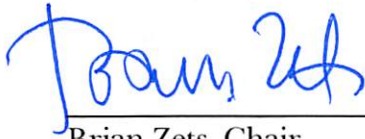
New Business:

Clerk Mason reported that Mary Fee was applying for the open spot on the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board.

Adjournment:

With no further business to conduct, Chair Zets motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Kate Macchi seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Signed:



Brian Zets, Chair



Jennifer Mason, Secretary

9/14/16

Date

Items found at Old Cemetery - now stored at
Edly House - NAPT Historical Society



Iron Fence Posts Pre 1920 may be 1890's
one on Page 68



Display at Founder's Day 2016



"Duraglas - This was the proprietary name for a process used by the Owens-Illinois Glass Company where the surface of the hot, just produced bottles, were sprayed on the body, shoulder, and neck (not base or the top of the finish) with a stannic chloride vapor that allowed the tin to bond to the outer surface and providing scratch resistance and durability to the bottles. (Information courtesy of Phil Perry, engineer with that company.) This process - and the embossed notation of it (in script) on the base of many Owens-Illinois products - began in 1940 and continued up until at least the mid-1950s,

Duraglas bottle UPDATE Likely a ketchup bottle from 1945

Duraglas.....Owens Illinois Glass Company, Toledo, OH (1929-to date). Trademark used after 1940. See "Diamond superimposed over an oval and I" and "I within an O" marks.

The number to the left of the symbol (9) is the plant number and means it was made in Streator, IL.

The number to the right indicates the year it was made (5), so could be 45, 55, 65, etc.

Ours has a 2 so 1942

The number below (14) is the mold cavity number.

