



**CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 12, 2020 6:30 pm**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Staff members present: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council, and Mark Nemec, Public Service Director.
Public present: Denise Kohn.

Approval of the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes:

Chair Zets asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. Hearing none, Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. Member Carleton seconded. All members voted to approve the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Hearing of Visitors:

None.

Discussion of Historical Marker Text:

Members discussed the latest draft of the sign text and made suggestions for changes per the attached document.

Member Fee moved to approve the revised text. Vice Chair Wilson seconded. All members voted to approve the historical marker text.

Clerk's note: This conversation took place after the Wagnor Fencing discussion below.

Member Carleton asked about ordering a sign independently versus going through the Ohio History Connection process. The Board discussed various historical signs throughout the area as well as costs,

depending on design. Member Shockey noted that the Ohio Historical Connection maintained a directory of all of their signs. Vice Chair Wilson mentioned a sign being erected at the sight of a B-52 crash site. The Board agreed to apply to the Ohio History Connection and evaluate other options after seeing how that went. Chair Zets said that the application seemed straightforward. It could take a while to find all of the sources for the fact. He was willing to start the application.

Member Fee moved for Chair Zets to start the application. Member Ferguson seconded. All members voted for Chair Zets to start the application.

Chair Zets told the Board he would need a photo and a map of the cemetery. He wasn't sure what the Ohio History Connection would require. The board discussed Google Map options.

Other Business:

Wagnor Cemetery

Chair Zets reported that he spoke to city Administration Services Coordinator Mandy Bonifield. She had spoken to City Manager Joseph Stefanov and reported that there was no money in the 2020 city budget for the Wagnor Cemetery restoration, and that council wanted to discuss it further. Clerk Mason confirmed that Mayor Spalding had mentioned Wagnor at the last council meeting and reminded council that he wanted to come back to that topic.

Public Service Director Mark Nemecek reported that he received a fencing quote from the Rocky Fork Company (attached). They came in at \$36,280, which was a little higher than Able Fencing. Director Nemecek learned that the city would pay prevailing wage which added around \$4,700 to the cost. Members further discussed prevailing wage. Director Nemecek stated that, because the entire restoration project would total over \$75,000, prevailing wage rules would apply. He noted that Mark Smith with Gravestone Transformations was a specialist, so prevailing wage would not attach to his individual invoice.

Member Fee had received a quote from Fortin Iron Works (attached). Fortin had forgotten to remove the tax. Members discussed all three fence quotes. Able's and Rocky Fork's quote was for steel, Fortin's quote was for iron. The steel fences were quoted with powder coating. Members discussed the differences in the materials and their durability. The steel came with a 20 year warranty. The board observed that all three quotes were around \$40,000 and that they would have to wait on council to proceed.

New Albany Cemetery

Board members expressed an interest in Rose Run 2 progress. They wanted to be sure council knew that they wanted to be involved and they wanted to protect the four corners of the New Albany Cemetery.

Member Ferguson asked about the status of the New Albany Cemetery grave markers that needed to be created. Clerk Mason offered to follow up on that item.

Member Ferguson told the board she needed to work on the list of names of those interred and would have Mark Smith of Gravestone Transformations confirm the list.

Schedule the next meeting:

The next meeting, also the annual organization meeting, was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Poll members for comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Chair Zets moved and Vice Chair Wilson seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Signed:



Brian Zets, Chair

Bill Resch, Secretary

Date 2/12/20

FRONT

The New Albany Cemetery was created in 1854 from land owned by William Yantis, Jesse Kohn, and Elizabeth Arnold. This 0.568 acre cemetery is the burial place of New Albany's founders, their families, and many of New Albany's earliest residents.

Because Rose Run Creek often flooded, water from the creek washed into the New Albany Cemetery. Realizing a better location was needed, Maplewood Cemetery was created a short distance south of here in 1881. Approximately 19 people were re-interred from the New Albany Cemetery to Maplewood. Not long after, the New Albany Cemetery was no longer utilized.

By 1970, the New Albany Cemetery had become neglected. Monuments were missing and no records existed for the individuals buried in the cemetery.

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BACK

In 1979, the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society retrieved several monuments from the creek. The Franklin County Genealogical Society recorded all legible names.

In 2015, the New Albany Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board was formed to restore the cemetery. After extensive research and geographic imaging, the Board determined 134 individuals were originally interred here. The oldest headstone is from 1837, predating the founding of the cemetery.

By 2018, the Advisory Board identified the names of 68 individuals buried in the cemetery.

While several headstones were cleaned and reset, the remaining headstones were repaired and placed carefully where no existing gravesites were located. Twelve additional headstones were reproduced because the originals were not restorable or missing.

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help guide the city's restoration of

Advisory Board

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Estimate

ADDRESS

Wagner Cemetery
Central College Road
New Albany, Ohio 43054 US

SHIP TO

Wagner Cemetery
Cedar Brook Road + Central
College Road
New Albany, Ohio 43054 US

ESTIMATE # 6024

DATE 02/07/2020

ESTIMATOR

Justin Van Gundy

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Ornamental Iron Custom Fortin style F5 fence, 4' tall	598	40.00	23,920.00T
Ornamental Iron Custom Fortin style double leaf gate, 10' wide x 4' tall	1	1,400.00	1,400.00T
Installation	1	11,500.00	11,500.00

All material sand blasted and powder coated black. All
pending final field dimensions / conditions.

SUBTOTAL
TAX (7.5%)
TOTAL

36,820.00
1,899.00

\$38,719.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Included in our terms of service: 30 Days after completion date a storage fee of \$5.00 per day will be assessed until item is picked up from Fortin Ironworks.

I have read and accepted all Fortin Ironworks "Terms and Conditions" initial here _____

