



Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board
October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Village Hall

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:38 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Staff members present: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council.

Approval of the September 11, 2019 meeting minutes:

Chair Zets asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes. Clerk Mason told the board that, in discussion with Member Ferguson, she had changed a sentence on page three, fourth full paragraph, to better reflect Member Ferguson's interest in having an EMH&T archeologist out at Wagner Cemetery. That change was made to the original minutes, after distribution. Hearing no further changes, Vice Chair Wilson moved to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes. Member Resch seconded. All members voted to approve the September 9, 2019 meeting minutes.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Hearing of Visitors:

None.

Discussion of Historical Marker Text:

Chair Zets asked to postpone this item until he had the latest draft to distribute.

Other Business:

Members discussed an article in the Columbus Dispatch regarding old, neglected cemeteries and laws governing the appointment and responsibilities of caretakers. Member Fee recounted how the article explained how many townships couldn't afford to maintain their cemeteries. She stated a large portion of Plain Township's budget went to the maintenance and upkeep of Maplewood Cemetery. Members discussed other nearby cemeteries including Smiths Cemetery and a cemetery on Lee Road.

Member Ferguson clarified to the board that the title of the New Albany Cemetery had changed several times. It was also known as the "Old Burial Grounds" and "Founders Cemetery." Clerk Mason observed that the Development Department was using the name Founders Cemetery in concept drawings for Rose Run 2.

Members discussed mowing at Wagner Cemetery and also marker locations. Generally, it was agreed that many markers were in the general vicinity of where the bodies were interred.

Members discussed the quote provided by Gravestone Transformations to the city manager. No one had a copy of at the time of the meeting. Member Ferguson had seen the quote and tried to find it in her emails. She stated she would send out a copy to the rest of the members. Members talked about making a motion to recommend the restoration of Wagner Cemetery, however, in the absence of the quote, it was decided that it would wait until next CRAB meeting.

Vice Chair Wilson asked if the CRAB recommendation for Wagner Cemetery would include fencing and lighting. Member Ferguson recalled that Member Carleton had mentioned getting a quote from another company for the fence work. Chair Zets believed that company was Fortin Ironworks in Grandview.

Chair Zets told the CRAB he would call City Manager Joseph Stefanov about the CRAB's likely recommendation for Wagner Cemetery. The CRAB was looking for input on the best way to recommend the expenditure. Clerk Mason would report to council that the CRAB was reviewing a proposal to restore Wagner, it was the "sense of CRAB" that Wagner should be restored, and that a recommendation would be forthcoming.

Schedule the next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 3:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

Poll members for comment:

None.

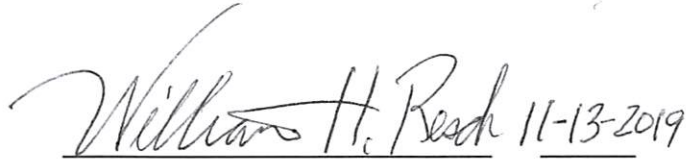
Adjournment:

Member Fee moved and Member Resch seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Signed:



Brian Zets, Chair



Bill Resch, Secretary

11-13-2019

Date