

TOWN OF GLOVER
Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 29, 2024 – Westlook I Cemetery

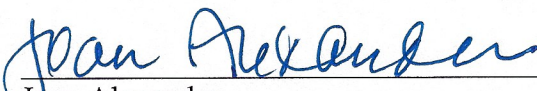
Present: Joan Alexander, Nick Ecker-Racz, Deb Wesoja, and Cindy Epinette, Cemetery Sexton.
Absent: Theresa Perron and Amy Wright.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes dated April 23, 2024 were approved.
3. **Financial update:** Cindy distributed the financial report. We have received \$4,137 in donations to date. Cindy has not had time to pursue investing the checking account balance in an account that will bring a higher interest rate yield. Nick suggested keeping \$9,000 in the checking account and putting the rest in another account.
4. **Cemetery Updates:**
 - a. **Green/Natural Burial area update:** The first green/natural burial took place. It was a cold, windy and rainy day. Nick has planted more lilies, johnny jump-ups, lilacs and catalpas. The prison work crew will be able to finish putting up the fence this year. Nick has requested that when the green burial area is bush hogged, the mower point away from the trees and plants he has planted. The cut grass and debris thrown can harm the little trees and plants trying to grow. All approved Nick planting lupines on Rt. 16 side of Westlook II.
 - b. **Memorial Garden:** Nick will research the cost of skin cuts to border the memorial garden. There is no update regarding transplanting thyme that we can get for free from the rest area on I-93, nor any information from Kate Butler. Ask Theresa to check back with Kate.
 - c. **Westlook II traditional burial area:** some lots have been sold. Nick will speak to Patricia Kules about mapping key points of the cemetery so mapping by measuring/GPS coordinates will be most accurate.
 - d. **Westlook I update:** Cole Alexander has time to reset/epoxy some of the stones and clear away the vegetation that is covering several stones. There is a maple tree that is dying. Glover's tree warden, Nick, agrees with other comments we have received from visitors that the maple needs to come down. Joan will contact her nephew Calvin (who was our lowest bid and did very successful work on the Westlook trees back in 2022) to get a quote to remove the tree before the branches fall on the gravestones. Nick will take wood away, and we will ask that any chipping is piled near Westlook II natural burial for future mulching. Birdhouses along east and north fence line have been cleaned out.
 - e. **French update:** none
 - f. **Andersonville update:** none
 - g. **West Glover update:** none
5. **Brochure:** no update. Deb received business cards from the flower shop in Hardwick that provided the flowers for the green burial. Perhaps the business card can be included with the brochure or in the brochure to help folks identify a flower shop that can accommodate flower arrangements for green/natural burials. Also, in the brochure can it be noted that anything going into the grave needs to be biodegradable, including mementos.
6. **Repair quote from Heritage (9 stones in 3 cemeteries):** Joan has not heard back from Heritage.

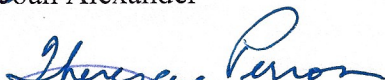
7. **Sign ideas from Dennis Gibson:** no update.
8. **Fencing around sides and back – start with Westlook I this year:** no update – Nick will research fencing options. Joan will get a count of numbers of fence posts to Nick.
9. **LR Community Service Summer outreach:** Joan will speak to Chastity Urie (guidance), and Katie Powers (community service program) at Lake Region about getting students who need community service to graduate can help in the cemeteries.
10. **Summer Work Bee:** There is an error in the appeal letter that was mailed to everyone. The July 27th work bee conflicts with Glover Day. A new date will be set and advertised.
11. **Update of Mowing plan discussion with Ricky:** The cemeteries get mowed every two weeks. Cindy received a phone call stating Westlook I looked very nice for Memorial Day weekend.
12. **Artificial flowers? Garbage can at Westlook just for Memorial Day?** Cindy mentioned that on Green-Up day there were several bags of artificial flower arrangements that had been picked up from the edges of Westlook I. She suggested a trash can be placed in each cemetery for the month of May, then removed a day or two after Memorial Day, to give folks a place to throw out old flower arrangements. Trash barrels will have signage about use and when they will be removed. The Commissioners agreed with this strategy to keep the cemeteries clean of debris.
13. **Other:** There was a question of who places the American Flags in the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Garth McKinney was contacted. He stated that the American Legion placed the flags. However, next year they are not placing flags in the Glover cemeteries. They do not have the volunteers needed to do so. Casey Tompkins is the person to contact to inquire about ordering the flags. Joan will contact the school to see if they would be interested in placing flags as part of a school project or community service. Cindy will contact Mr Tompkins about ordering more flags. Joan has a map of all the Veterans who should have a flag placed on their grave. The idea of creating a labyrinth was discussed briefly. Perhaps something can be created below the Memorial Garden.
14. **Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm**

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



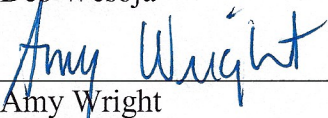
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