

City of Hastings
COUNTY OF BARRY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

**Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board Minutes
June 14, 2023**

1. Call to Order by Bonnie Huntley at 3:00pm in the City Hall Conference Room.
2. Present at Roll Call: Huntley, Mayor Tossava, Buehl, Coleman, Watson, Bever, Tate. Absent: Hubbell. Also in attendance: Josh Wickham and Michael Snyder.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Tossava and supported by Coleman to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 10, 2023

Motion by Mayor Tossava and supported by Buehl to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023 Riverside Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment and Communications

None

7. Sexton Update

Josh Wickham provided an update on cemetery maintenance activities. There is some tree damage to a fence that will need repaired and submitted to insurance. Additional insurance claim for four sections of fence that were stolen. Foundation repairs are underway.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Sign for Unmarked Graves – Chris Bever

Bever provided pictures of the sign for unmarked graves and its location in the cemetery. This initiative has been completed.

- B. Cemetery Memorial Design

Discussion led by Huntley on initial thoughts regarding design alternatives. Bever to provide Landscape Architects and Planners (LAP) comments regarding narrowing down the memorial design.

Board discussion on alternatives for road accessing the proposed memorial site. Tate to work with LAP on two options and rough cost estimates.

C. Riverside Cemetery Capital Improvement and Development Plan

Discussion regarding future cemetery initiatives and work plan for next year. Memorial is the most immediate priority. Bever stated updated mapping could occur next spring / summer depending on resources required. Discussion of frequency of advisory board meetings once memorial project is completed.

9. New Business

- A. Barry Community Foundation (BCF) Funds Report as of May 31, 2023
- B. Fiscal Year 2023 Revenues and Expenditures through April 30, 2023

Motion by Mayor Tossava and supported by Coleman to file reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Board Member Comments

None

11. Public Comment

Michael Snyder provided comments to the advisory board.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Mayor Tossava supported by Coleman to adjourn at 4:36pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 3:00pm in City Hall