

DEARBORN COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION



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The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room at 4:30 PM Friday, 26 April 2013.

Present were President Art Wenzel, Vice President Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper. And Dennis Kraus Absent were Joyce Baer, Milt Masing and Pete Nocks.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

Art Wenzel would like to work on the Mendell Cemetery in Jackson Twp. It has one stone with an obelisk. An iron fence surrounds this stone. A descendant, a grandson is in a wheelchair.

Art passed around the laws for our cemetery commission and we cannot have more than five on the board. He talked about making committees to get more hands on. He suggested committees for County Farm Cemetery, Jackson Township Mendell Cemetery, researchers, etc.

The Howard Gullion headstone is a slow process. I just received the info back from John Gullion, a cousin; he signed all the papers for me, so I will submit the info to the government again.

Our CD is now in Merchant's Bank as a savings and we have \$2805/07 as of 31 March 2013.

The County Farm Cemeteries hopefully will be finished this year. We need to ask for Community Corrections to help clean up the area again, grass seed and see if Jim Red Elk from the County Park Board would be willing to take care of the grounds after the fencing is done. There is a County Farm fence fund that will help pay for all of this to be done.

Newtown Cemetery, Art has reported he found the location of the two bodies that were not moved and has drawn a map with names and locations of the graves with a few discrepancies. He wants to check locations of graves at Greendale Cemetery.

Chesterville Cemetery in Sparta Township is where Nancy Davis & some of the Chances are buried. Joyce Baer and Chris McHenry are doing research for Art on this.

Chris McHenry is working on Revolutionary War Veterans and locating graves mainly in Greendale Cemetery but Thaddeus Owens and John Elliott are both probably buried in Manchester Township at the Wrights Corner Baptist Church Cemetery. John Elliott has a stone in Rising Sun but he is not buried there and Thaddeus Owens was living in Manchester Township shortly before his death.

Larry Lods would like to have a reunion at the old schoolhouse #5 on Sawdon Ridge Road this year. Is it still owned by the Lutz family?

The next meeting of the Dearborn County Cemetery Commission will be at 4:30 PM on Friday, 28 June 2013 at the County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted
Lois Harper
Secretary for DCCC

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The Dearborn County Cemetery Commission met at the County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room at 4:30 PM Friday, 28 June 2013.

Present were President Art Wenzel, Vice President Chris McHenry, Secretary Lois Harper and Surveyor Dennis Kraus and Jennifer Burke and Becky Scruggs, both from Hancock County, Indiana. Absent were Joyce Baer, Milt Masing and Pete Nocks.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

Jennifer Banks and Becky Scruggs have a 3rd great grandfather buried in Hogan Hill Baptist Cemetery off State Rt 48 in Manchester. They are trying to restore this cemetery but with many problems. A survey was done by Roger Woodfill in 1986 which included the cemetery as part of a plat belonging to John Holliday. The Scherzinger family owns the land next to the cemetery and they have been helpful to a degree. Mr. Holliday does not want anyone in the cemetery and they have been told to leave. They have restored a couple stones, their relatives. Art Wenzel will try to talk with John Hoilliday and let Jennifer & Becky know what happens.

The Mendell Cemetery in Jackson Township has not been restored yet.

Art Wenzel has talked to Jim Redelk about taking care of the cemeteries at the County Farm and at first was receptive but later called and not sure about taking on the mowing of these two cemeteries.

Cliff and Melba Guard have given a CD to Art about the Guard Cemetery. Art has printed the info out and has it in a book form, one for the Lawrenceburg Library, Dearborn County Historical Society, IDNR and Valley Woods Homeowner's Association and the Guards. This cemetery looks great and the Guards have done an excellent job in restoring it. Brad Rupel, the developer of Valley Woods deeded three feet of property to the Guard Cemetery as a few burials were found outside the cemetery survey.

Newtown Cemetery is still in the works. A cemetery in Sparta Township at Chesterville needs pictures taken and a history of the cemetery and Art will be done with this one.

A new cemetery has come to light located at Dean and Dittmer Roads in Hogan Township.

Art has found a Samuel Morrison map with five Indian Mounds in Lawrenceburg Township.

Dennis will work on the County Farm Cemeteries.

Sparta Presbyterian Cemetery in Sparta has no public access from Sparta Pike. The owners of the land have lost it through foreclosure to Friendship State Bank. Art talked to John Rumsey from the bank about adding some wording giving access to the cemetery. John Rumsey called Art and it has sold to the neighbors with wording in the deed giving access to the cemetery. Art was tackled from behind when he was here at one time. He has ancestors buried here. We have \$881.81 remaining and we have \$2805 for the County Farm fence. Art will check on a four foot chain link fence.

Samuel Morrison is buried at Greendale Cemetery but cannot be found.

Old Town Cemetery buried from 1802 through 1819 and Newtown Cemetery buried from 1820 through 1901. Greendale Cemetery began in 1866 And Riverview Cemetery began in 1869.

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The next meeting of the Dearborn County Cemetery Commission will be at 4:30 PM on Friday, 23 August 2013 at the County Administration Building.

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