

**MINUTES – Raisin Township Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Raisin Township Hall – Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Present: Donna Andre, Heather Franco, Kathy Smith, and Tom Hawkins**

**Absent: Mark Tommelein**

**In order of discussion:**

1. **Deeds to cemeteries** – We have the official deeds for Chandler Cemetery and Raisin Center Friends Cemetery. Donna and Kathy will look for the other two deeds in the file.
2. **McLain Cemetery**
  - Someone will soon be buried in the McLain Cemetery near the Blackburn plot. A “Ms. Baker” is the connection. Her phone # is 734 709-8852. Can we get some additional information about the McLain Family Cemetery from her?
  - A neighbor of McLain Cemetery needs to know where the boundary line is between the properties. Tom will be measuring and putting a fencepost at the back corners of our property.
3. **Intern Day** - The scheduled Intern Day Clean-up at Holloway Presbyterian Cemetery which was scheduled for Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through Mike Ayre, was cancelled due to rain. Heather and Donna, however, worked at cemetery in the rain while waiting for their decision. Donna did A LOT of work in preparation for this event. We now have materials and equipment for a clean-up workday which will be scheduled. (See below)
4. **Facebook** – We now have 206 followers.
5. **Tecumseh Herald Article** – An article explaining our committee’s goals and objectives was published in the July 24<sup>th</sup> issue. Donna and Kathy met with David Panian, who did a great job of writing it.
6. **Chandler Cemetery** – Dave Lacasse (township attorney) has spoken with the direct neighbors on either side of the driveway regarding the property line. The lines have been staked and we are hoping the neighbors will apply weedkiller to the adjacent areas. Gravel will be placed on the driveway and a split-rail fence will be constructed beside the driveway.
7. **Chase Cemetery** – Tom has been in touch with someone who is taking care of the fallen tree at Chase.
8. **Township Mailing** – As of now, no one from the township has contacted the office/email to volunteer for cemetery workdays.
9. **Grass Clippings** – Concern was noted regarding grass clippings left on headstones. Could someone blow or brush them off after trimming?
10. **Holloway Presbyterian Cemetery** - Donna and Lee have been working on getting rid of weeds and brush on the west side of the cemetery, providing a walking space between the trees/property line and the nearby headstones which face west.
11. **Clean-up Day Proposal and Plan** – Donna and Kathy developed a proposal for a Raisin Township community clean-up day at Holloway Presbyterian. We will schedule it based on the decoration removal dates posted on the signs at the entrances of the cemeteries. (These dates will need to be shared on Facebook and in newspapers prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.)
  - **Mon., Sept 8, 5:30 p.m.** - Our RTCAC will attend the Raisin Township Board meeting to update and invite them to participate in our Cemetery Clean-up Day
  - **Wed., Oct 1** - (Posted) Removal of summer decorations
  - **Sat., Oct 4, 1 - 3 p.m.** - Raisin Community Cemetery Clean-up Day at Holloway Presbyterian
  - **Wed., Oct 15** - (Posted) Winter decorations can be placed

We can publicize in The Herald by emailing the information to Jackie at [jackie@tecumsehherald.com](mailto:jackie@tecumsehherald.com). It will be added to the front page “In the News” column. See attached proposal for more information.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Smith