

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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RESOLUTION 03179603

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Approved Procedure Regarding the Disposition of Human Remains Resulting From Unintentional Discovery on the Property to Be Transferred by the Galledied Diocese at Aptawaing (otherwise known as Goodhart Church Property)

WHEREAS ancestral remains, burial objects and other artifacts are sacred, and treating them with proper respect is of the utmost importance to the Tribe;

WHEREAS the tribe is working cooperatively with Readmond Township to insure that any park development on lands in Aptawaing (otherwise known as Goodhart) to be transferred from the Gaylord Diocese be done in a way that protects the sanctity of Tribal ancestors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. No known burials will be disturbed in the development of the project.
2. In the event of the unintentional discovery of human remains, the Tribe approves the following procedure:
 - a. Any skeletal remains that are suspected of being human will first be turned over to the Emmet County Coroner's Office, or other appropriate agency under Michigan law, to conduct an analysis to determine if the remains are human, and if so, if they are those of a recently deceased person. Such determination will be made within thirty (30) days of discovery of the remains. The Tribe shall not be responsible for the expenses of this investigation and analysis.
 - b. All human remains that are not of a recently deceased person shall be turned over to the Tribe for proper burial in that portion of the property being reserved for future burial or other site outside of the property at issue that the Tribe deems appropriate.

3. Any burial objects or other artifacts discovered on the site are the property of the Tribe and shall be immediately turned over to the Tribe.

Certification

As Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary, the undersigned certify that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on March 16, 1996, at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions as recorded by this roll call.

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
George Anthony	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Patricia Dyer-Deckrow	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Frank Ettawageshik	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Barry Laughlin	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Oldman	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Janet Shomin	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Alice Yellowbank	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Date: 3-17-1996

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Secretary