

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

JOHN THORPE, RICHARD THORPE,  
WILLIAM THORPE, and the SAC and  
FOX NATION OF OKLAHOMA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BOROUGH OF JIM THORPE, MICHAEL  
SOFRANKO, RONALD CONFER, JOHN  
MCGUIRE, JOSEPH MARZEN, W. TODD  
MASON, JEREMY MELBER, JUSTIN  
YAICH, JOSEPH KREBS, GREG  
STRUBINGER, KYLE SHECKLER, and  
JOANA KLITSCH,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:CV-10-1317

(JUDGE CAPUTO)

**ORDER**

**NOW**, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- (1) The Borough of Jim Thorpe's Motion for Summary Judgment Under the Probate Exception to Jurisdiction and the Doctrine of Laches (Doc. 93) is **DENIED**.
- (2) The Borough of Jim Thorpe's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 99) is **DENIED**.
- (3) Plaintiffs Richard Thorpe, William Thorpe, and the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma's Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 95) seeking a declaration as to the applicability of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is **GRANTED**. The Borough of Jim Thorpe is a "museum" under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and subject to the requirements of the Act, including those provisions governing repatriation requests. See 25 U.S.C. §§ 3001-3013.

/s/ A. Richard Caputo  
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A. Richard Caputo  
United States District Judge