

Cemetery Trustees Minutes
12 NOV 2020
Via Zoom videoconference

Call to order 1736 with Angus Derocher, Bridget LaBrie, Brian "Degs" Degnan, Jim Taylor, Neal Meagher, and Alisa Bonnette present via Zoom.

Minutes were approved from 10 SEP 2020 meeting by unanimous vote.

-The public were invited to comment, but there was no public.

-Bridget gave the Sexton report, where there were 2 burials, 2 to 3 headstone and plot placements. There was a visit Monte Calm which was chaotic due to markings. There was a deed discussion, because some of the deeds did not transfer well between software systems when the transfer happened.

-discussion on deeds, and they need to be signed. Can these be signed by delegate? Jim will reach out to find out.

-Jim gave the public works report: gearing up for winter. Cleanup started, plastic, flowers, etc. His guys addressed the arbor vitae at Hillside. Fox tree will address the remaining trees before the end of the year. There was a discussion of how long to keep cabling trees or if they can be removed. Bracing is expensive and if it fails things could get expensive. Will ask Fox how old the trees are. Degnan offered American Chestnuts as replacements.

-Rules discussion: Perhaps we should clarify the dates for open and cleanup. You can sell the lots anytime, according to Jim. Dates are good but fundamentally, it's all up to the weather. It's just a function of resources and equipment, as there's weather retooling. 01 NOV still seems like a good date.

Need to review Lockhaven maps as there seems to be missing information. We need to review single/double lots, ie: full burials, cremations, etc. Oakgrove needs to be reviewed. Countryside needs to have the single grave section updated, it needs to be resurveyed for cremation lots (4x5ft). Need to lock-down lot size. We need to know the total space so we know what can be sold. Angus: why don't the match between sizes? Adjusting lots to max of 3 cremations per lot. It currently says 4, but we are unsure when that snuck in there. All other documents say 3.

Degnan's survey of other towns shows that \$400 seems standard. I need to talk to Ellen Hackman about trust fund structures.

Angus brought up green burials, there was something in the valley news about Grantham. We should look into this. Pricing structure?

Alisa: We should also plan for future. We have countryside, but things were tight in the past.

We should look into resident/non-resident (Hanover wording?)

Should address lot pricing. Alisa: it's probably best as sqft. Jim: Plainfield has \$300 for cremation and \$500 for lots as cremation is 1/2 lot.

Degs/Angus: Also, what about level monuments for green burials to minimize maintenance. Same for cremation only plots?

Jim: Regardless, we need to enforce markers. The biggest problem is poorly marked graves. headstones are markers should be immediately placed.

Bridget: Rates, need to be checked too for labor. Jim will get weekend rates.

Degs: Will get labor rates from Rikers/Knight.

Future meeting dates? Will have 10 DEC 2020 meeting although out of usual dates.
Need Cemetery report by 1st week of January.

Adjourn 1847hrs.