

September 6, 2017

The Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board met in special session at the Bainbridge Township Service Department. Those present were Greg Marous board member, Rob Arnold board member, Jim Stanek Service Director, Leighanna Cawrse Service Dept. Administrative Coordinator, and Ted Seliga resident. Bill Takacs board member was absent.

Greg Marous called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Tree planting

Tree planting in grave lots along with the cause and effect from trees was discussed. Unanimously it is agreed astatically trees look nice in cemeteries.

However, trees require spring and fall maintenance, replacement if one dies or falls from a storm, and damages to adjacent headstones. Trees take up space and there would also be a loss of 2-3 burial plots in one lot for a single tree. Eventually placement of trees within the current cemetery will run out of room.

Possible solutions were placement of "bush like trees". Need to increase fees to recuperate loss of burial plots.

It was overall agreed to keep the current rules to not place any trees to preserve space.

#### Cost of Graves

Cost of graves with the current fees was also discussed and the return on investment in order to cover future maintenance. The columbarium vs. ground plots was also discussed and it was decided on to look into marketing strategies to promote more sales for the columbarium. Design for the current and second columbarium will also be taken into consideration.

#### Cemetery Fee's

Cemetery fee's was discussed and how the current fee schedule needs revision with the wording of non-residents to "former" residents. It was agreed to just remove non-residents from the fee schedule since the cost is the same.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

Minutes approved on 10-4-2017