

Minutes of  
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board  
September 1, 2010

Present: Bill Takacs, Chairman; Jeff Markley, Township Trustee; Rob Arnold; Don Mitchell; Ted Seliga; Greg Marous, Road Department and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

Mr. Takacs called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 4, 2010 and August 18, 2010 meetings were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Lowe Family Marker

Mrs. Patricia Clemens met with the board to discuss a proposed family marker that she would like to place at a slight angle, thirty degrees, on an empty grave next to her father's grave so it can be seen by people driving in and they would not have to get out of their cars to see it. The marker would have the name Lowe on it and a picture of the tuberous begonia that her father, Carlton Lowe brought over from Belgium after World War I which is also the township flower. She also asked the board if she could plant an ornamental tree in the same vicinity.

The board discussed the request from Mrs. Clemens regarding the proposed orientation of the marker and was in agreement that it would have great historical significance but it would not be consistent with the other family markers in the cemetery because they must run north and south and it would affect the mowing or could block access for equipment going in and out and it should be kept in line for visibility reasons.

Motion - Lowe Monument

Mr. Seliga made a motion to deny the request of Mrs. Clemens to place the Lowe family marker at an angle contrary to the north/south direction.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Seliga stated that the board needs to clarify the family marker issue in the rules at a later date.

The board was in general agreement to consider a location or placement of a tree but to table the request by Mrs. Clemens until a landscaping plan has been completed because water lines and access to grave sites must be considered.

### Benches

The board discussed benches that require a request to the Cemetery Board and a recommendation to the Board of Trustees before installation and noted that all benches should run east and west and an amendment to the rules should be made.

### Gurd Family Marker

The board discussed the request of the Gurd Family regarding the monument that is in the walkway between a set of ten grave sites and the family wants to keep all of the individual markers in line. There was an agreement at the time before the rules were established in 2003 between the Sexton and the family that it could be done this way. The board agreed that the exception should be documented and attached to the deed identifying the Section, Lots and Graves involved.

### Budget

The board discussed the budget (five year plan) regarding monthly maintenance costs, contract services and mowing/landscape costs and was in agreement to discuss the budget more thoroughly at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### Cemetery Management Software

The board held a discussion on cemetery management software.

### Columbariums

The board discussed the construction of columbariums and was in agreement to hold a special meeting at Evergreen Cemetery in Chagrin Falls to meet with Mr. Rob Arnold, Cemetery Sexton regarding the construction of their columbarium.

### Meeting Schedule

The board was in agreement to hold special meetings on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. at Evergreen Cemetery to meet with Mr. Rob Arnold, Cemetery Sexton for Chagrin Falls to examine their columbarium and on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. at the Town Hall for a work session on columbariums.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 6 , 2010 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Cemetery Board