

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board
May 7, 2014

Present: Rob Arnold, Chairman; Ted Seliga; Bill Takacs; Greg Marous, Road Department; Jim Stanek, Service Director and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. at the Town Hall by Chairman Rob Arnold.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Dump Trailer

Mr. Marous reported that he has been researching dump trailers for the purpose holding topsoil in lieu of a dirt storage building and it could also be used to hold cold mix for the wintertime with a waterproof tarp. He explained how it would be used in the cemetery to haul the topsoil and dump it at the gravesites. The board discussed the proposed dirt storage building with Mr. Stanek and was in agreement to hold off on the purchase of the dump trailer at this time.

Sign for McFarland Cemetery

Mr. Marous asked the board if a sign is necessary for McFarland Cemetery at Rt. 306. The board held a discussion and was in agreement that since it is a closed cemetery, a sign may invite more people to stop and it could be a traffic hazard because of the location on Rt. 306. The board noted that there was a sign years ago located on the chain at the entrance.

Scatterings

The board addressed a request from a family to scatter the husband's ashes on top of his wife's grave at Restland Cemetery. The board discussed the unsightliness and the potential for the ashes to be scattered onto other graves from the wind and lawn mowers.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to not permit the scattering of ashes at Restland Cemetery.

Mr. Seliga seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Cremation Urns

The board discussed the various types of urns for cremation burials and reiterated that glass urns are not permitted. The board was in agreement to not amend the rules to permit urns other than specified in the current rules.

Electric for Restland Cemetery Garage

The board reviewed a quote from Egrek Electric, Inc. for the purpose of rerouting existing underground conduit to the building, install new wire, install 60 AMP main lug sub panel, pipe and wire two light fixtures, one switch and one GFCI receptacle in the amount of \$1,600.00.

Mr. Marous made a motion to recommend accepting the bid from Egrek Electric in the amount of \$1,600.00 and to forward it to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Mr. Seliga seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

GPS Coordinates – Cemetery Software

The board was in agreement to discuss this at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Columbarium Niche Lettering

The board reviewed the two motions from the previous meeting as follows:

Mr. Seliga made a motion to recommend that if it is a dual burial we will use our standard defined lettering for the niche, if it is bought as a single niche burial, the lettering consistency will be the same but the single burial name and date will be in the upper portion with the same standard as a dual burial.

Mr. Arnold seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Seliga made a motion to recommend that if there is going to be two burials in a niche that the niche cover has to be either fully engraved with the two names, if they choose to only have one name at that time, the single name has to be on the top.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Seliga made a motion to rescind the two previous motions.

Mr. Takacs seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Seliga made a motion to recommend that if only one name is going to be engraved on a niche it shall be placed on the top portion of the niche regardless of whether there is going to be a second name in the future or not.

Mr. Arnold seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Seliga will work with the secretary to prepare a memo to the Board of Trustees regarding the recommendation to amend the Policies, Rules and Regulations for Graves regarding niche lettering.

Over-Sized Burials

Mr. Marous reported that he has nothing new on over-sized burials.

Cemetery Camera

Mr. Marous reported that he purchased a Fuji XP60 camera for the cemetery. This will be used to photograph issues in the cemetery as well as headstones.

Tree Planting Program

The board discussed a future tree planting program.

Mr. Marous made a motion to recess the meeting at 4:30 PM to proceed to Restland Cemetery to review locations for a future tree planting program.

Mr. Seliga seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Cemetery Board