

Minutes of  
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board  
August 7, 2013

Present: Ted Seliga; Bill Takacs; Jeff Markley, Township Trustee and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

Mr. Takacs, Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 3:35 P.M. at the Town Hall.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 3, 2013 meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Headstone Liabilities

The board discussed the liability of damage, vandalism and theft of headstones. Mr. Markley reported that according to a Geauga County Prosecutor's opinion it is the township's responsibility for repair and/or replacement of headstones per the Ohio Revised Code. The board was in agreement to modify the cemetery rules to reflect that monuments should not include precious metals (gold copper, etc.) per the recommendation of the prosecutor's office. The board also discussed restricting the value of headstones. Mr. Marous can make inquiries at the Ohio Cemetery Convention and Mr. Markley will continue to gather more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Naming of Roads in Restland Cemetery

Mr. Markley noted that Mr. Marous suggested naming the roads in Restland Cemetery so the sections and graves can easily be found. The board was in agreement that larger section numbers would be better. Mr. Marous can make inquiries at the Ohio Cemetery Convention.

Zoning Resolution Re-Write

The board reviewed the proposed zoning regulations for cemeteries in Bainbridge Township.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Management Software

Mr. Seliga reported that the final version of the software has been received and the training has been completed. Mr. Seliga volunteered to help check the accuracy of the data.

Memorial Tree Planting Program

Mr. Markley reported that the Board of Trustees is looking into a memorial tree or dedication tree program township-wide. The trees must be donated along with the cost of planting them and can be located at the cemetery, town hall and various other locations within the township.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman  
Secretary to Cemetery Board