

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board
October 7, 2009

Present: Jeff Markley, Township Trustee; Bill Takacs; Greg Marous, Road Department and Linda Zimmerman, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. at the Town Hall.

MINUTES

Mr. Takacs made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 2, 2009 as written.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Expansion Area

Mr. Marous reported on the location of the waterlines and said he has not gotten any utility location or as-built maps from the engineer yet. The board discussed the proposed area where the waterlines are located and agreed that those graves will have to be for ashes only.

Mr. Markley said when the board gets an update on the re-zoning of the expansion area and obtains the utilities map, it will determine what graves the township can and cannot sell.

Mr. Marous said the new section does not have to be winterized this year because water was never put in the lines.

Re-Zoning of Restland Cemetery Expansion Area

The board discussed with Mr. Michael Joyce, Township Administrator/Zoning Inspector the re-zoning of the expansion area from Passive Public Park District to Residential Three Acre. Mr. Joyce explained the area that is being proposed for re-zoning and added that the surveyor is preparing the legal description. The board reviewed the current zoning map and discussed the area that is going to be re-zoned. Mr. Markley suggested carving out enough for the cemetery and leaving more of the property in the Passive Public Park District. The zoning commission will be initiating an amendment for re-zoning at the end of October.

Mr. Joyce said the zoning is not an issue regarding opening up the cemetery and selling graves according to the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office because the township is moving to correct the problem so that is sufficient.

Recommendation to Board of Trustees Regarding the Opening of Restland Cemetery Expansion

Mr. Markley made a motion that the Cemetery Board recommends to the Board of Trustees that the Restland Cemetery Expansion Area, Section 13 be for sale to all residents with restrictions.

Mr. Takacs seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PlotFinder Software and Record Retention

The board discussed the PlotFinder software, backups and digital archival of the plats.

Beehive Grates in Cemetery Expansion

Mr. Marous suggested that new grates be purchased so when the corners are snow plowed they won't be torn up. He said the new grates are 1-1/2" tall with the same diameter and can be purchased from Auburn Pipe at \$50.35 each and it appears that they are the only grates available in the area and 10 - 12 grates will be needed. Mr. Markley said a recommendation needs to be made to the board of trustees why they are needed. Mr. Marous will obtain a written quote from Auburn Pipe and will provide the trustees with a photo of one that needs to be replaced.

Fence

Mr. Marous reported that the new fence is currently being installed but the old posts that are being cut off are sticking up anywhere between 1" to 2" or 3" above the ground. It was noted that Mr. Ciciretto said they are supposed to be below ground so he will call and talk to the fence company to get it corrected.

Request for Civil War Veterans Marker at Fowler Cemetery

Mr. Marous reported that he sent for the Civil War marker and when it comes in he will install it. He said he has a good idea as to where the grave is according to the other headstones and there will be no footer, it will just be set in dirt but there are specifications on the depth.

Headstones at Restland Cemetery

Mr. Marous reported that two headstones were repaired at Restland Cemetery and he had turned in an invoice from Sheffields for \$250.00 for the work. He said there are some headstones at Fowler that also need to be repaired.

Headstone Footer

Mr. Marous reported on the headstone that was placed at Restland several years ago without a footer. The board discussed the importance of installing a footer and the requirements the township has in place.

Columbariums

Mr. Marous said he spoke to the Township Administrator in Perry Township regarding the columbariums they are putting in and according to the administrator, the Ohio Township Association was pushing columbariums at their previous meetings and that is why they decided to install them. Mr. Marous will acquire more information regarding permitting columbariums in townships.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 4, 2009 at 3:30 P.M.

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