

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board

February 7, 2007

Present: Jeff Markley, Township Trustee, Don Mitchell, Cemetery Sexton, Rob Arnold, Janice Simmons, Bill Takacs, Jim Darrow, Greg Marous, Road Department, Bob Ford, Parks Manager and Linda Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.

Minutes

Mr. Markley made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting as written.

Mr. Ford seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Note: The January 3, 2007 meeting was cancelled.

Proposed Expansion

Mr. Markley reported on the proposed expansion of Restland. He reviewed the scope of work that shall consist of clearing and grubbing, removal, and disposal of all vegetation and debris within the limits of the rights-of-way. It shall also include the salvaging of designated materials and backfilling the resulting trenches, holes, and pits; the preservation from injury or defacement of all vegetation and objects designated to remain. A discussion by the board followed.

Mr. Ford suggested that the property be select cut for marketable trees, the woods would be left in tact, there would not be a mess and it could pay for the tree clearing portion of the expansion. A discussion by the board followed. Mr. Ford will contact a State Forester to walk the property and mark the trees. Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Takacs and Mr. Marous will also meet with the Forester at the same time.

Mr. Markley made a motion for Mr. Ford to meet with the State Forester and to mark the trees for select cutting.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Mr. Markley referred to the site plan designed by Burgess and Niple and indicated that it is 98% designed out and will soon be ready for the bid specs to be created.

Mr. Arnold suggested the possibility of building a columbarium, a vault with niches for urns containing the ashes of cremated bodies, in the new expanded area. He referred to one that is located in Hudson and will coordinate a field trip for the board members to tour the facility and will schedule a date. He will also obtain some photos of the columbarium for the board to view.

Mr. Takacs suggested building an outdoor chapel in the cemetery and it could be included in the expansion plan and a focal point of the new area.

The board discussed extending the waterline into the new expansion as well as electric and natural gas. Also discussed was the proposed walking path/bike path on the south side of the expansion and the current/future location of the cemetery garage.

Mr. Markley will meet with Burgess and Niple regarding the proposed plans.

Reclamation of Graves

Mr. Markley reported on the opinion from the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office regarding reclaiming previously owned graves and referred to ORC 517.07. It would only apply to the sale of any deed for lots executed after July 24, 1986 if the township obtained, in writing, a list of the names and addresses of the persons to whom the grantee's property would pass by intestate succession. This would disallow the older graves in the cemetery to be reclaimed at this time. Mr. Mitchell will prepare an application to be used by purchasers of new graves that would include the names and addresses of their heirs so the township would have this information in the future to reclaim graves if necessary.

Mr. Takacs reported that he did some research of the Fowler family and their ancestors and volunteered to do more research on families that own graves in Restland. Mr. Mitchell will provide him with a list of names before the next meeting.

Fowler Cemetery Pillars

Mr. Ford presented the following quotes for the replacement pillars at Fowler Cemetery from Raymond Arnold Masonry (\$8,165.00) and Parker Masonry (\$14,650.00).

The board was in agreement to recommend accepting the quote from Raymond Arnold Masonry in the amount of \$8,165.00 and to forward it to the township trustees for their approval.

Fowler Cemetery Fence

Mr. Ford presented the following quotes for the replacement fence at Fowler Cemetery from County Wide Welding (\$9,000.00); Finelli Architectural Ironwork (removal of fence - \$715.00 and fabricate and install fence - \$12,885.00) and Railing Crafters Ltd. (\$9,052.50). He explained that Finelli was the only company that understands the masonry work that coincides with the fence so even though their quote was higher than the others, he feels it is the most capable company for doing the work.

The board was in agreement to recommend accepting the quote from Finelli Architectural Ironwork in the total amount of \$13,600.00 and to forward it to the township trustees for their approval.

Fowler Cemetery Stump & Tree Removal

Mr. Ford presented the following quotes for stump and tree removal at Fowler Cemetery from VanCuren Tree Services Inc. (\$3,350.00); Independent Tree LLC (\$2,800.00) and Dash Tree Service, Inc. (\$2,800.00).

The board was in agreement to recommend accepting the quote from Independent Tree LLC in the amount of \$2,800.00 and to forward it to the township trustees for their approval.

Construction of Proposed Road for Expansion

Mr. Markley reviewed a memo from Mr. Marous regarding his concerns with the construction of the road for the proposed expansion.

2007 Proposed Cemetery Budget

The board reviewed the proposed budget for 2007 that was prepared by Mr. Mitchell. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 3, 2007 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman