

Minutes of  
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board

April 11, 2007

Present: Jeff Markley, Township Trustee, Rob Arnold, Janice Simmons, Bill Takacs, Marilyn Kucera, Greg Marous, Road Department, Don Mitchell, Cemetery Sexton and Linda Zimmerman

Note: The regularly scheduled meeting for April 4, 2007 was changed to April 11, 2007.

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

Minutes

Ms. Simmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 7, 2007 meeting as written.

Mr. Takacs seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Fowler Cemetery

Mr. Mitchell gave an update on the work to be performed at Fowler Cemetery regarding the tree removal, fence and pillars. He said the trustees approved the quote from Railing Crafters in the amount of \$9,500.00 for the wrought iron fence replacement. Mr. Markley presented a sample of fencing made by them.

Mr. Mitchell reported that the stumps have been removed and the road department will clean up the chips and noted that an emergency purchase order was granted by the trustees for the removal of a large tree that needed to be taken down and removed.

The board discussed the old headstones in Fowler Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell said that nothing will be done with the headstones until the tree work is done and he will contact Sheffields to do the leveling work.

Mr. Markley stated that some communities install brass plaques on concrete that represents the information on the older headstones that are harder to read.

McFarland Cemetery

Ms. Simmons reported that the work is pretty much done in the McFarland Cemetery.

Mr. Markley inquired about the identity of the persons buried at Fowler and McFarland.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the township has a book prepared by the county that lists everyone buried in the township cemeteries and he also has records.

### Henry Cemetery

The board discussed the Henry Cemetery located on Brewster Road and noted that there is no maintenance contract for that cemetery because it has a ground cover. The board was in agreement to walk the cemetery to determine the property boundaries.

### Restland Cemetery Expansion

Mr. Marous reported that the tree clearing has started and they had met with Mr. Bob Cipiti and taped off the boundary lines beforehand. He said H & H was cutting the trees and will come back with a grinder and added that an orange construction fence and straw logs will be installed to protect the wetland area and a silt fence will run the perimeter of the Cipiti and the church properties.

Mr. Markley stated that he will find out from the Fiscal Officer's Office how much is left on the purchase order issued to Burgess and Niple.

### Columbariums

The board discussed the installation of columbariums at Restland Cemetery. Mr. Arnold reported that they should be made of all granite and the approximate cost for one with 48 double niches is \$35,000.00 and the average purchase price for one double niche is between \$1,700 and \$2,000 not including the opening and closing so that will more than pay for the columbarium structure. Also discussed were the locations within the cemetery where they would be suitable with regards to property lines etc. Granite benches were also discussed that are custom made with niches to hold urns.

### Proposed Chapel

The board also discussed the location of a future outdoor chapel within the cemetery.

### Proposed Memorial Fund

Mr. Markley will look into the feasibility of establishing a memorial fund that would raise financial support for future projects such as the chapel, etc.

### Fees

The board discussed the current fees. Mr. Arnold will research the fees that other townships and villages are charging and will report at the next meeting.

### Reclamation of Graves

The board discussed the reclamation of graves and was in agreement that a chain of ownership should be established before older graves can be used.

### Next Meeting

The topics to be discussed at the next meeting will be the expansion at Restland, Cemetery, columbariums, reclamation of graves and fees.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 2, 2007 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman