

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board
August 5, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 P.M. at the Town Hall.

MINUTES

Mr. Markley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 1, 2009 as amended.

Mr. Marous seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Expansion Dedication

The board discussed a proposed dedication for the cemetery expansion area. Ms. Bridey Matheney, Geauga County Assistant Prosecutor was consulted. She will get back to the board on this matter.

Tent

The board discussed offering the tent for rent to be used for cremation burials only. Mr. Marous reported that it will require two people to put it up. The board discussed proposed rental rates. Mr. Rudyk stated that he has a concern on Saturdays if the tent requires two people because of the cost of the over-time and availability of an extra worker. A \$75.00 rental fee was discussed. Although a decision on the fee was not made by the board at this time, Mr. Markley will bring it up at the August 24th township trustee meeting for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Work Schedule

Mr. Rudyk explained the work schedule for the cemetery and it is the first and third Monday of each month. The board discussed the role of the road department and the reimbursement procedure to the road department from the general fund for any work done in the cemeteries. Mr. Rudyk stated he would like a memo from the township regarding anything that needs to be done and he would like a job description that defines the road department's role with the cemetery. It was noted that the job descriptions for the employees that are performing the cemetery duties need to be expanded.

Proposed Cemetery Projects

Mr. Rudyk and Mr. Marous explained that there will be a need for cracksealing and asphalt maintenance next year on the roads at Restland cemetery which would also include the new area and noted that it is prudent and necessary.

Restland Cemetery Expansion

Mr. Marous reported on the numbering system and the progress he has made. He also stated that some of the graves in the expansion area are over the storm sewers. The board reviewed the recent survey map and was in agreement to meet next week in the AM to review the surveyed area to determine the storm sewer location and which graves will be affected.

Repurchase of Graves

The board discussed the request by a family to sell their graves back to the township. There was a question as to the amount that should be paid to the seller. The board was in agreement to continue to use the amount of 75% of the current price for the repurchase of graves at Restland Cemetery.

Standards for Cremation Burials

Mr. Marous reported that he checked into the standard depth for cremation burials and said there are no certain depth requirements.

Request for Civil War Veterans Marker at Fowler Cemetery

The board discussed the request from Mr. William Stark for a Civil War Veterans Marker at Fowler Cemetery for Edwin Smith who has no headstone but is entitled to one from the Veterans Administration and was in agreement that the marker should be consistent with the ones already at the cemetery. Mr. Marous will contact Mr. Stark and work with him on this project.

Cemetery Deeds

Mr. Markley reported on a prosecutor's opinion that states a cemetery deed is not a conveyance of land.

OTHER BUSINESS

Headstone Footer

Mr. Marous reported that he had discovered that there was no footer under an existing headstone that has been in place since 1998. The owner's family will be contacted regarding payment for the installation of a footer.

Vault Building Landscape Maintenance

The board discussed that the maintenance around the vault such as pulling weeds and planting flowers could be done by volunteers approved by the township.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 2, 2009 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman
Secretary to Cemetery Board