

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board

August 9, 2006

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

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

Mr. Markley gave an overview on how and why the cemetery board was formed and the value and purpose of the committee which was to review rules (changes/updates) improvements and maintenance, general upkeep, software, restoration of cemeteries and safety issues regarding headstones etc. He explained that \$150,000.00 was reserved in the budget for the cemetery expansion project and submitted a site plan of the proposed project.

It was noted that Mr. Jim Darrow was still interested in helping with the expansion.

Mr. Markley explained the process and time-frame for the expansion and that they will be bringing in heavy equipment. He said the access will be from Settlers park and added that the winter bid process will result in lower bids.

Mr. Mitchell reported that he has been selling approximately 30 graves per year and there are 30 - 35 graves left in the cemetery to sell. He added that people sometimes ignore the rules even though there is a bulletin board at the entrance. He reviewed the items that have been completed recently such as: new garbage containers, replacement of antique hand pump, bulletin board (Eagle Scout project) and the low areas of old graves have been filled in. He also added that he has been getting the stones leveled on a regular basis by Sheffields.

Fowler Cemetery was discussed. Mr. Mitchell reported that a pull-off parking space was provided by the road department at Fowler Cemetery and that the wrought iron fence and pillars need to be replaced. He will get quotes for this improvement project.

The mowing was discussed and it was noted that Diggin Landscaping was still performing the mowing and general lawn maintenance at the cemeteries.

Those present were in general agreement to hold the Cemetery Board Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 6, 2006 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman

