

Minutes of
Bainbridge Township Cemetery Board

September 6, 2006

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

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

The minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting were accepted by the members in attendance and will be distributed and put on the website.

Mr. Markley gave an overview of the last meeting.

It was discussed whether there should be a designated/reserved area in the new expansion for urns and ashes and finding the availability of usable graves in the old section. Also discussed was if new techniques should be explored and if they would be cost effective and if the older section of the cemetery could be used for ashes only and not full burials.

Mr. Markley displayed a map of the proposed expansion and noted that tree clearing cannot begin until after September 15th because of the Indiana Bat. He said the construction of the road should cost under \$25,000 and it will eliminate heavy traffic coming in on the church side. He indicated where the potential wetland areas are and to go through a wetland would require a permit and added that the map shows the stream crossings. He said that Mr. John Zaranec will stake out the proposed road and the board members will be notified via email so they can walk it. He said quotes will then be obtained for clearing and the path will be about 10' wide and winter contracts are less expensive. He added that the road department may build the road using asphalt grindings or recycled concrete because it has to be able to withstand heavy trucks.

Mr. Marous suggested making pull-offs along the road.

Mr. Ford said that 10' may not be wide enough on the turns for the equipment and suggested that the corners be widened out to at least 16'.

Timbering was discussed and the lumber could be put up for auction.

Mr. Arnold said that it will be two years before graves in the new expansion area can be used and the grass has to be established. The board was in agreement that the new graves cannot be sold until they are ready to be used.

The board also discussed grading and utilities and Mr. Arnold said the new area can tap into the old cemetery for water.

Mr. Marous said regarding the electric, now is the time to plan for electric for security lighting, cameras, telephone, etc.

Mr. Arnold stated that the board had previously discussed moving the garage to the back of the cemetery.

Mr. Markley will put a landscape scheme together for the expansion.

Mr. Arnold said Chagrin Falls is building a columbarium along the border of the cemetery for non-residents.

The board reviewed the quotes that were received for the fence at Fowler Cemetery and wrought iron versus aluminum was discussed and it was decided that the dead trees and limbs should be removed first.

Mr. Takacs said he is concerned about the salt on an aluminum fence.

The board discussed recreating the fence that is there and the scope of the work should reflect what is there now. The pillars were discussed and quotes will be obtained for the replacement of them. Mr. Ford will help with the scope of work regarding the fence and pillars at Fowler Cemetery.

McFarland Cemetery was discussed along with the work that needs to be done.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 4, 2006 at 3:30 P.M.

Since there was no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Zimmerman

