

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CEMETERY BOARD
MINUTES
July 24, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Jeffrey Ferrara, Paul Swan, Bill Taylor, Mayor Bobbie Beshara, Councilman Rick Hudak, Chris Papp, Cheryl Jackson

Absent: Jayne Sisson

GUESTS: Pat Healey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2018

Minutes were approved as submitted

COMMUNICATIONS:

No Communications

OLD BUSINESS:

Fairview update

Bid was awarded to Cavanaugh. They will be starting the stump clearing in the next couple of weeks. Full work will be going on in September.

Headstone repair options update

Scott had obtained information on Wet and Forget product and spoken with Doug Mayer of Peninsula. Brian was going to address this topic further, not present at the meeting.

Cemetery Pricing

Rick Hudak presented the new pricing to Council for approval. It passed and has been updated on our website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Pat Healey asked about the pricing difference for the Village and Township residents. Rick Hudak stated the burden of Cemetery care falls on the Village hence the increased cost to the Township.

Jeff asked if we should consider reducing the residency requirement to 5 years instead of the 10 years that was established. Pat asked how we determine who is buried here, does not feel anyone who is not living here should be buried here. It was explained that non-residents are defined as anyone who had lived here for 10yrs or more or anyone who has direct family members buried here. (I.E. grandparents lived here and are buried here). Rick Hudak stated there should be exceptions.

Clarification of this rule needs to be addressed. We follow ORC but should spell out the rules further. We also need to create a link to the ORC on our website. Plantings allowed needs to be revised.

Brecksville and North Royalton have comprehensive rules and packets were given to board members for review. We will review ideas at the next meeting.

New section of the Cemetery – Rick Hudak believes upright and flat stones should be permitted.

Discussion about meeting Agenda responsibility, decided it is Board President and the Villages responsibility.

We have two vacant board seats to fill. Must be a Village resident to sit on the board. Mayor Beshara asked for recommendation/ leads for persons to fill these spots. Mayor is to run a notice in the Richfield Times for the openings.

Voting issues - Board votes are counted; Council Representative vote is the tie breaker if needed.

Jeff asked when we can start plans to utilize the ground that had been designated for the water tower. He also asked Mr. Hudak to look at funding per old discussions of rebuilding the cemetery funds over a two to three-year time frame.

Jeff would like to see a columbarium wall installed in a year or two. Cost roughly \$85,000 - \$95,000.

Adjournment – 7:23 pm