

CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Conference Room C, Lake Geneva City Hall

Meeting was called to order by Alderman Mary Jo Fesenmaier at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mary Sibbing, Ruth Monico, Patrick Quinn, Terry Krohn, Alderman Fesenmaier

Absent: None

Comments from the Public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on the agenda:

Mayor Charlene Klein welcomed the Board members and thanked them for volunteering. She noted that our cemeteries are historical and hold great importance for our residents.

Chris Brookes, Historical Preservation Committee member and Black Point Outreach Coordinator, explained that Black Point has been providing the Maple Park Walking Tours with great success. They would like to change the focus to our City Cemeteries. The idea is to tour Pioneer Cemetery in September and Oak Hill Cemetery in October, both this year. They plan to include a costume interpreter at both locations as this was a hugely popular addition to the tour. Chris wanted to know what the procedure is for using the cemeteries for tours.

Election of Officers (per City Ordinance)

President

Alderman Fesenmaier opened nominations for President.

Mary Sibbing nominated by Fesenmaier. Fesenmaier called three times for other nominations.

None received. Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Monico, to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot for Mary Sibbing as President. Carried.

Vice President

Alderman Fesenmaier opened nominations for Vice President.

Terry Krohn nominated by Sibbing. Fesenmaier called three times for other nominations. None received. Motion by Sibbing, second by Quinn, to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Krohn as Vice President. Carried.

Secretary

Alderman Fesenmaier opened nominations for Secretary.

Ruth Monico nominated by Fesenmaier. Fesenmaier called three times for other nominations.

None received. Motion by Fesenmaier, second by Quinn, to suspend the rules and cast a unanimous ballot for Ruth Monico as Secretary. Carried.

All were congratulated, and the meeting was turned over to Sibbing as President.

Approval of Cemetery Board minutes from September 25, 2019

moved to approve the September 25, 2019 minutes, second . Unanimously carried.

Review Cemetery Board Ordinance

Chair read thru Article V. Boards and Commissions, and Division 5. Cemetery Board

Discussion: Patrick Quinn questioned why we are a 'Cemetery Board' as opposed to a "Cemetery Commission." Mary will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Discussion: Ordinance should include both cemeteries, Pioneer and Oak Hill. Mary to review.

Discussion: Chris Brookes suggested looking into the Walworth County Cemetery Association and to see if it would benefit to join that organization.

Discussion: Chris Brookes asked about the sign designating Oak Hill Cemetery as National Register of Historic Places (and recently awarded a State Register of Historic Places). The plaque has been placed in the Cemetery this past week. Mary to contact Tom Earle and set up a time for the Board to visit.

Discussion: Questions were raised about why the bathroom at the office has not been fixed.

Discussion: In the future, a 'field trip' will be scheduled to visit both cemeteries.

Review Financials – March 2022

Reviewed financials; will be reviewed and updated at the May meeting.

Discussion: Mary made a suggestion to 'spruce up' Pioneer Cemetery adding flowers at the entrance. Volunteers would be needed to water the plants etc. for the season.

Discussion: Question was asked about the GIS system for graves and its status. Chris stated she may be able to contact the former employee.

Future meeting agenda items and next meeting date – Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 PM

Motion by Patrick Quinn, second by Terry Krohn , to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Monico, Secretary