

CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 4:00 pm
Conference Room A, Lake Geneva City Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Cathy Stoodley at 4:00 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Terry Krohn, Ruth Monico, President Cathy Stoodley, Alderwoman Linda Frame, and Samantha Ingo, Park Superintendent Liaison, Patrick Quinn absent.

Comments from the public. Dennis Loeser. Dennis voiced his concern over the road situation in Oak Hill Cemetery. More discussion followed in a later part of the meeting, Dennis stayed for the rest of the meeting.

Motion made by Ruth Monico and seconded by Terry Krohn to approve meeting minutes from August 21, 2024. Passed 4-0.

Discussion regarding monthly Comptroller Financial report. President Stoodley updated the financial report and discussed the upgrade of the roads. At this part of the meeting, Tom Earle, DPW, spoke about many of the issues that are involved with the repair of the roads in Oak Hill Cemetery. Dennis Loeser, visitor, asked many questions, made several comments, and gave some suggestions. Discussion followed with Tom Earle explaining what needs to be done, what can't be done (at this point) and many of the problems involved: heavy equipment on the very narrow roads originally designed for horse and buggies to the larger equipment and cars today. Another concern is the closeness of some of the graves located within a few inches of the roads and the graves cannot be disturbed. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Update/discussion regarding Neal Aspinall logo for rules/regulations and/or cemetery. Discussion to be continued.

Samantha gave the Park Superintendent Monthly report: 4 burials and 7 cremations. First week of October, dirt located in the 'dump' will be removed and relocated to The House of Music which has been preapproved.

Also noted: information from the WI Alliance of Cemeteries at the Grand Geneva indicated Burial Certificates can be used instead of deeds; discussion on Certificate of Burial Rights and lots that can be sold if next of kin cannot be found also was discussed. Continued for further discussion.

Discussion regarding updated cemetery pricing. Samantha Ingo suggested a 10% increase per year. Tom Earle spoke about increasing the fees and Samantha will work on this for the next meeting, Continued.

Update/discussion regarding Neal Aspinall logo for rules/regulations and/or cemetery. Discussion to be continued.

Future Agenda items:

- Ideas for future planning of newly required land at OakHill Cemetery.

- Monitor annual membership to WAC (December). Submit dues in February of each year. Add Quarterly Newsletter to agenda/packet upon receipt.

- Review budget recommendations for next year (July). Specifically Pontom.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2024. 4:00 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Krohn and seconded by Alderman Frame. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Monico
Secretary