

CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 4:00 pm
Conference Room A, Lake Geneva City Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Cathy Stoodley at 3:58pm.

Roll call:

Present: Terry Krohn, Ruth Monico, President Cathy Stoodley, Alderwoman Linda Frame.

Comments from the public. None. However, John Beckmann, N32 Robin Road, Lake Geneva, asked if he could sit in on the meeting. Board agreed.

Motion made by Alderwoman Linda Frame and seconded by Terry Krohn to approve meeting minutes from December 18, 2024. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Alderwoman Frame to approve monthly Comptroller Financial Report. Seconded by Terry Krohn; motion passed 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation on City Staff Liaison Monthly Report.

Tom Earle, DPW, attended the Cemetery Board Meeting to provide the Board with the latest information on the monthly report. Tom stated he has two concerns to present to the Cemetery Board.

- 1) He recently has had several calls for families inquiring about spreading their family member's ashes in the Oak Hill Cemetery and in Library Park. Tom suggested that a rule be established and presented to FLR and also to the Park Board. At present, it is illegal to spread ashes in these locations or others, as well. Tom would like the Cemetery Board to follow up on this issue.
- 2) Tom stated that regular plot transfers need to fill out a form and pay a transfer fee.

Tom also presented drafts of living owner's transfers of burial rights and from deceased owners or grantees,

Motion made by President Stoodley to accept the living transfer of burial rights and seconded by Terry Krohn. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Alderwoman Frame to accept the deceased owner or grantee transfer and seconded by Terry Krohn. Motion passed 4-0.

Recommendation to establish a \$150.00 transfer fee for both forms. Motion made by Alderman Frame and seconded by Terry Krohn. Motion passed 4-0.

Other items discussed included the amount of debris that has been hauled away, but according to Tom, a lot more needs to be removed.

Road update: One road will be done this year; the rest at a later date. The plan is to start at the top and the lower roads also at a later time.

Pricing of burial plots. Tom recommends a 10-20% increase over the next couple years or 20% increase now and then an increase every year.

Tom is in contact with the Wisconsin Historical Society since Oak Hill is on the National Registry. With this distinguished designation, the question was raised as to what is required in the way of maintenance for Oak Hill Cemetery? Tom mentioned some thoughts on what items need to be addressed and discussion to be continued..

Last item from his report was a request to continue our membership in the WAC.

Future Agenda Items:

Questions regarding spreading of deceased family member's ashes in Oak Hill Cemetery and in Library Park.

Review Cemetery pricing.

Review the task order for the roads in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 4:00 pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Monico

Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

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