

**Agenda & Minutes for the Cemetery Committee**  
**March 18, 2009**  
**11am-noon**

**Agenda:**

Old Businesses

    Review of Fall Committee Minutes (December 8, 2008)

    Corrections

    Comments and Additions

    Approval

New Business

    Report on Cemetery activities...Bruce Meldrim

Request by the Perfield Family

Cemetery Needs and Future Plans

Comments from the Mayor...Mayor Murphy

Comments from the Committee Membership Possible Dates of the Fall meeting

Adjourn

**Minutes:**

Chairperson: Bruce Meldrim, Commissioner of Cemeteries-Village of Central Square

Members Present: Kay Buschle, Ernest Ladd (Watson Funeral Home Representative), Michael Ours, Clara Sauter and Jaime Worden Representative for Traub Funeral Home.

Absent: Penny Faulter

Guest: Mayor Millard Murphy

Review of minutes from December 8, 2008 meeting

Ernest Ladd was absent because of jury duty so we resumed a discussion of the decision made at the last meeting to raise the price for a cremains burial. Mr. Ladd pointed out the serious ramifications of raising those prices for burial when a family is unable to pay any extra fees and does not wish to have the equipment, tent, chairs etc placed at the grave site. Special needs of families will be considered through communication between the Funeral Director and the Commissioner of the cemeteries when serious financial circumstances dictate a discussion and fee arrangement. The new brochure for the cemetery was circulated and that will be altered to reflect this concern.

Cemetery activity for the Spring will require three burials and they are being scheduled according to the family wishes and the cemetery capability. Mr. George Perfield will be buried May 9, 2009. Immediate burial will be done for one person whose grave site is dry and easily accessible.

The George Perfield family has request that a name plaque have a significance place on the outside of the vault similar to the one honoring Geroage Perfield, Sr. The family is willing to donate this and

would like to honor their family member in this way. The Mayor talked about a need for the family to understand that if the present vault site is ever moved from its present location the plaques will be moved accordingly to a prominent place. The Mayor also noted that this would be an appropriate future location for a Columbarium. The Mayor asked Mr. Ladd to request a letter from the Perfield Family making their wished known and he would respond positively. Everyone was in favor of the family's request and noted the long and dedicated work that the George Perfields' had done in all their care of the cemetery over many many years. This work was all done free of charge and with devotion to excellence.

There was a reminder about the tree donations which could still be done. Discussion again about the many old trees that need to be considered for removal in a cemetery where stones and other artifacts are located. The problem is that the trees are very large as well as old and a great deal of damage can result from an unexpected fall. This needs to be considered carefully and then plans for replanting can be put in place.

There continues to be a need for fencing of the cemetery. Various types of fencing are being considered and there is split-rail fencing in the Pulaski Cemetery similar to one which might service our needs. The metal fence on the Route 11 side of the cemetery is not holding up well because of the snow, salt and plowing that occurs near the fencing. The split-rail fence is being considered on the north and south sides of the cemetery form the Route 11 view.

Fall meeting date to be scheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 12 (noon).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Buschle