

Agenda & Minutes for the Cemetery Committee
March 31, 2008
10:30am-noon

We note with sadness the death of Joseph (Joe) Jones, a Village Board Trustee for many years.

Agenda:

Old Business: Fall committee Minutes, Corrections, Comments-additions, Approval

New Business:

Report on Cemetery activities ...Bruce Meldrim

New Cemetery Brochure for Families

Cemetery Needs

Record Keeping and Computer Progress

Concerns of the committee

Adjourn

Minutes:

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

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

Absent: Michael Ours

Guest: Mayor Millard Murphy

Review of minutes from September 25, 2007 with no additions or corrections, Motion to approve made by Ernie Ladd and seconded by Penny Faulter.

Cemetery Activities: Reported by Bruce Meldrim with additions by Mayor Murphy

Six spring burials and one immediately possible depending on weather and ability to dig in the area of the cemetery plot. Brochure describing the cemetery regulations and prices was reprinted and circulated to each committee member with new prices and information for families to be distributed as needed and as requested. Bruce's cell phone and the village office phone numbers are prominent on the brochure for people to call or contact someone for more information.

The black fencing on Route 11 will be reinforced to strengthen the 10 foot wide links because some weakness is showing in each link.

Tree removal has been completed on the north border toward the park.

There are several 10 foot lengths of fencing left over from the original fencing on Route 11 border and those will be put in place with space for moving back and forth into the cemetery properly. Several lots remain to be sold in this area. Chain link fencing will be put along the park side and eventually will surround the whole cemetery. Total fencing of the cemetery has been the request of the insurance company. Older trees are problematic in the cemetery both from the stand point of root growth in the soil and damage from falling branches or tree trunks even though they add a certain décor to the area. The south border of the cemetery on Route 11 side has been cleared from debris and some fencing will be placed there as well.

Price increases for cemetery service charges may need to be considered in the future.

Mowing for the summer will be done by part-time employee since the full time maintenance person, who did that work, is no longer employed by the village.

Communications...

New Computer Services for the cemetery have been figured into the computer programs which are being put in place for the village. A new website is being developed by the village and the cemetery will be included with pictures and appropriate information. The web site formerly used for the village was on the Tug Hill web.

Suggestion made concerning the burial of cremains....

At the grave site when a burial service is to be conducted placement of the urn could be on a small table with a table skirt. Some request a tent but that would be at the discretion of the family. Presently there is no Columbarium.

Property bordering the south side of the cemetery, across from the American Legion, is owned by the Town of Hastings and a Legion memorial has been planned for this location. Grant to begin the project was not approved. The town has been mowing that grass.

Donations and Contributions to the cemetery need to be encouraged and people can give to the Perpetual Care Fund. Small flower ornamental trees to border the entrance driveway off Route 49 to the cemetery could be donated by families in memory or honor of a loved one. The tree would be so labeled. There would be a donation of \$250.00 for the tree with inscription and maintenance provided by the village so that there is continuity and perpetual care of the tree or trees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

Respectfully submitted by,
Kay Buschle