

Hillside Memorial Cemetery and Park Committee Meeting September 18, 2013

Members Present: Millard Murphy (Mayor), Heather Stevens (Trustee/Liaison), Bruce Meldrim (Cemetery Commissioner), Linda Murphy, Mike Ours and Mark LaRobardiere (Watson Funeral Home Representative).

Absent: Andrew Traub (Traub Funeral Home Representative/Committee Chairperson), Jean Breed and Penny Faulter.

The meeting began at 11:07am. In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, Heather Stevens (Liaison) ran the meeting.

The minutes from the special meeting on June 5, 2013 were reviewed and accepted.

New Member wanted: We still have 1 vacancy on the committee.

Old Business:

Stonewall on North Main: The Stonewall on North Main in cemetery has been successfully repaired by the village DPW. The cost was minimal and we are optimistic that the problem has been solved.

Columbarium: This winter would be a good time to gather some hard numbers and prepare proposal for village board to decide if they will proceed with columbarium. Perhaps Bruce can work on this. If board makes a decision in January columbarium could be in for Memorial Day. This would be great because of the exposure it would receive from the community during this busy cemetery weekend. Purchase would come out of CD per Mr. Murphy. Another suggestion was to perhaps plant Holly as shrubbery around the columbarium. Would give great color and texture all year long.

Trees: Heather Stevens reminded that we have a \$500 donation and \$738 from old fence scrapping to put towards trees/shrubs. First is Kimberly Lilacs or similar along park line at top of hill. Other areas where trees have been removed and new section could use trees. Some suggestions included locust, red maple and Sycamore trees.

Reacquisition and resale of plots/lots: Mr. Traub passed out the law regarding this if village board wants to consider. However it seemed to be general consensus/recommendation to focus on unsold lots and look at this option only when those are more depleted.

New Business:

Cremains section/garden: The village has a section of land on south east corner that is approximately 70x70. This would be a good place for ground burial of cremains and/or babies. It would not take much to develop this. A fee schedule would need to be implemented and added to cemetery brochure.

Second usage fee: It was suggested perhaps the board consider a 2nd usage fee for cremain burials in full graves. Currently a full grave can only hold 2 cremains. With a second usage fee it could hold up to two additional cremain burials.

Contact: It was requested that the village secretary could please phone committee members prior to meetings as a reminder.

Open Forum:

Commissioners Report: Bruce reported that burial and lot sales have been very slow.

Headstones/Markers: Heather asked about the condition of the headstones and markers. She would like to see more cleaning and better marking of older graves. There are monument companies that can power wash stones. However these older stones are sandstone and this would ruin them. Bruce mentioned there are some foundation issues in section E. He can repair these but just needs the time.

The next scheduled meeting will be the 2nd or 3rd week in April at 11:00a.m. (Perhaps April 22, 2014). Heather will touch base with Mr. Traub and get back to everyone with a date.

The meeting ended at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather