

Cemetery Commission Minutes

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 7/20/2022

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: 104 Concord Road, Woodlawn Cemetery

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Will, Dana Snyder-Grant, Franny Osman

ALSO PRESENT: Shawn O'Malley, Kim Clark, Bill Klauer, Amber Klauer, Tom Rogers

1. Opening

Chair Joe Will opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

2. Regular Business

Amended minutes from 6/15/2022 were approved with a 2-0 vote.

3. New/Special Business

2. *Public concerns*: Tom Rogers spoke of paving of the Cemetery roads. Could this get on the DPW schedule? Would it help to have the roads named? We will follow up with Corey York, DPW Director when he returns early August.

– Bill Klauer mentioned items to discuss at future meetings: having water bubblers, toilets within the cemeteries; CPC projects involving restoration of monuments at Forest Cemetery and in other Woodlawn sections after the current restoration is completed in Woodlawn's Revolutionary War section; discuss maintenance of Mt Hope Cemetery Chapel and the possibility of composting toilets.

– Franny Osman mentioned that, re the “Born a Slave” monument in Woodlawn, someone has suggested that the “Born a Slave” inscription be changed to “Born Enslaved”

3. Cemetery Commission charge: Joe discussed having a more complete description of duties. Bill mentioned that the Commission should be presented budget and trust fund numbers more often.

4. Posting of Cemetery rules on website: A “Rules and Regulations” link is shown on the Cemetery page, but perhaps it could be made easier to find.

5. Cemetery signage regarding rules, wording was discussed. Joe will email a version for Commissioners to consider and possibly revise. Kim will get cost estimates.

6. Gravestone restoration update: Gravestone Services of NE will be starting in 3 weeks.

7. Columbarium update: The account set up for this has been partially used for paving in Sec 15 as intended. The remainder will sit until Columbarium has been decided on.

8. New hedgerows and trees: Check out Mt Hope Sec 9. Eight new hedgerows and 7 trees installed!

9. Departmental changes: Natural Resources budget is being split in August. There will be an update at the next meeting.

4. Consent Items.

None

5. Additional Regular Business

Next month's agenda: Aug 17.

Finalize Cemetery signage.

Discuss green burials.

Adjournment

At 3:30 pm, it was moved, seconded and voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for 8/17/2022.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

Meeting minutes from 6/15/2022.