

VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

September 3, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Vernon Cemetery Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Norine Edwards at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery. Members present were Bruce Luddy, Judy Hany, Stuart Edwards, and Norine Edwards. Also present were Secretary Carol Nelson and Cemetery Maintainer Jim Wood.

Minutes

- a. Special Meeting – June 3, 2019 A motion was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 special meeting as presented.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Employee Status – Jim Wood explained that there is currently one seasonal maintainer with another available for one or two mornings a week. Leaf collection will be coming and additional help will be necessary.
- b. Roads & Trees – Challenging are the dead and sick trees and the cost of removal. A large tree was trimmed by Asplundh at Dobson Road Cemetery leaving the massive trunk. An overgrown arborvitae in Elmwood will be removed as its roots are affecting other monuments.
- c. Chapel – Jean Luddy has completed the history and it will be used in the application for historic designation.

Unfinished Business

- a. Veterans Memorial Walkway – Our engraver Bob Boucher is retiring at the end of the year. He has provided the contact information of another engraver that can do the bricks. There are three large bricks that will be engraved and installed this fall.
- b. David Allis Headstone – Bamforth Road Cemetery The artist Randall Nelson of Willington has been trying to locate an appropriate stone slab for the project. The deposit has been paid.
- c. Dobsonville fence – Nothing to report. Comments have been received that the appearance is more attractive now that the chain link fence has been removed.
- d. Chapel – Nothing to report.

New Business –

- a. Valley Falls Cremation Section plantings – A memorial planting in the center circle was verbally allowed some years ago with the understanding that the gardener would shoulder all the responsibility of maintaining or the plants would be removed. The current overgrown perennials and unsightly status has caused negative comments by others. The donor Steve

Ballinger has been verbally asked several times to remove the overgrowth and has not done so. A motion was made by Bruce Luddy, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to send a letter to Mr. Ballinger expressing our thanks for his donations over the years and giving him until October 31, 2019 to remove all the plants that he wishes to keep with notice that the remaining plants will be removed. Plans are to plant an ornamental tree in the center with the area grassed.

- b. Foundation Price Schedule Revision – A proposed price schedule for foundation work was distributed. The last price schedule was approved in 2008. A motion was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Bruce Luddy and unanimously approved to adopt the price schedule as presented with an effective date of orders received after January 1, 2020.

Any Other Business

- a. Jean Luddy will be giving a tour of Grove Hill Cemetery this month in conjunction with the Senior Center. She will be pointing out various Vernon residents of note who are buried here.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. with a motion made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Bruce Luddy and unanimously approved.

Approved:

December 3, 2019



Carol S. Nelson

Cemetery Secretary