

Cemetery Committee Meeting

August 25th, 2015

7:32 pm – Meeting Called to Order by Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call by Secretary:

- Present- Cindy Dickerson, Nancy Glover, Dennis Graham, Kim Jolliff, Barb Thumudo, Nickie Tomlin
- Audience – 1 attendee
- Absent – Debra Grubb

Approval of the July Meeting Minutes by Cindy Dickerson, Nickie Tomlin 2nds, Barb Thumudo approves motion.

Plan of Action for review of Cemetery Ordinance and Deed

- Round table discussion of some items to review:
 - Updating ordinance to state “Cemetery Board” in place of “Township Board”
 - Each burial plot listed under a name not as a group or family name
 - Donation of plots
 - Selling of plots, cannot be sold out right, must be sold back to the Township
 - Plan for emergency approvals and official to approve
 - Planting of perennials just on side of headstones, not in front or back because of obscurity concerns
 - Planting of trees and shrubs, notification and removal of ones that are cause of obscurity or will grow too big in the future. Also, concerns about moss growth and damage done by falling trees. May have rep from Mayhew’s talk about appropriate foliage options for cemetery plots.
 - Concerns with other items at plots: chairs, benches, urns, shepherds hooks, plastic
 - Scheduling Spring and Fall Clean-Ups. Put notices in the newspaper. Try to make a it a community involved event. Try to connect with a member of the Fowlerville Garden Club.
 - Need to update Deed to reflect that individuals are given the right to be buried and not being deeded the land.
 - Potter’s Field no longer available
 - Reconsider the “only resident” of township can be buried in township cemeteries.
 - Board to approve the recommendation for transfer of power to Cemetery Board.

Discussed Clean-up of Antrim Cemetery on Saturday, August 15th

- Dennis gave an update on his clean-up after August 15th.
- Good results with back half of cemetery.
- Next cleanup will be for the front of the cemetery.

Goals:

- Plan for every member to go through the Ordinance before the next meeting and prepare to discuss and make changes to the Ordinance.
- Every member to read the packet Cemeteries: Challenges and Solutions before the next meeting.

Dawn Patrol:

- Discussed the Dawn Patrol Event for September 13th, 2015 at 7 am. Hopefully everyone can attend to volunteer at the event to represent the Cemetery Board. Nickie Tomlin will put together a flyer for the event to show the work we have been doing with before and after pictures.
- Still waiting for tickets for the ball drop at the event. \$10 for one ticket and \$25 for three tickets. We are numbering the balls for the drop at the event.

Call to Public

- Dennis Graham raised question regarding working rules for contractors, bidding vs donation, timing of bids and if Board needs to approve work.

Next Meetings:

- Saturday, August 29th, 2015 at 9:00 am, Antrim Cemetery for clean-up
- Tuesday, September 22th, 2015 at 7:30 pm, Cemetery Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm