

Garland Cemetery Association

The fall meeting of the Garland Cemetery Association was held on Wednesday, October, 14, 2020 at the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by President Errol Sheldon at 6:07 p.m. In attendance were Trustees Rick Preston, Pat Preston, Mike Coogan, Treasurer Mary Wilson, Secretary Rhonda Greineder and Caretaker/Trustee Jerry Harris. Absent were Cindy Root and Bob Sodoma

Rhonda presented the meeting minutes from the summer meeting. Pat made a motion to approve the minutes as written. It was second by Mike and all voted in favor.

Errol asked Mary for the Treasurer report. Mary handed out reports from Patricia Hayles and went over them. The cemetery report and 990 were filed by Pat. There is no report from Ethan Wade, but the numbers are handwritten on Mary's reports. The Brighton Securities and the Permanent Maintenance accounts are both up. The Bank of America account is slightly down, but we have no control over those investments. Mary presented the financial statements. At the time of this meeting there have been 12 full burials, 3 cremation, 11 foundations laid. Sold were 4 full lots and 3 cremation lots. The reports/financial sheets are attached to these minutes. Rick made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, Jerry second, and all agreed.

Errol asked Jerry for the Caretaker report. Jerry will be closing the cemetery on November 1. The water will be turned off. Mary will call Suburban for last disposal pick up for the season. Jerry said he will need seed and fertilizer for next spring. The cost should be approximately the same as last year, \$4,040. Jerry will also need to rent a roller for the spring season. Errol made a motion to approve these fees, Rhonda second and all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cameras: There was some damage to the grounds in Sections 9 and 10. The cameras were checked, but the offender could not be identified. Rick called the Sherriff and asked to have the cemetery patrolled more frequently. UPDATE: Rick sent an email to the board members in November 2020. The person responsible was found and made to pay restitution for the damages.

Trees: Leon Huberton looked at the trees and gave Errol a quote of \$650 to take down the two branches. Rick made a motion to hire Leon to remove the branches, Mary second and all approved.

Vinyl Fence: Rick contacted Steve Speed to quote the cost of a vinyl fence to cover the house next to the cemetery. It would require 55 sections of fencing, 6 ft high. Steve gave him a quote of \$9,070 for material and \$3700 for labor. There was also a discussion regarding purchasing the house and lot. Decision was made to table this for now and look into the sale of the property.

Columbariums: Rick looked into this and visited cemeteries that have them set up. Cost was \$32,000 for the design he looked at. Footers also need to be installed for \$250 to \$300. Brigden Memorials sells them locally. He checked two other companies with many options for size and design. It was decided to table this discussion till the Spring meeting. Also need to visit the cemetery prior to the next meeting and discuss locations for columbariums.

UPDATE: A few on the board met at the cemetery to discuss options. The consensus was to investigate the cost of placing a columbarium on a large concrete pad built into the slope in Section 8, near the Veterans memorial. Rick and Errol went to Brigden Memorials to talk about columbariums. Rick sent an email to board members with a couple of quotes and various types/designs. Discussion will be picked up at the spring meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Positions: Rick Preston will begin as President for 2021. Errol Sheldon will remain on the board as a Trustee. The following Trustees are up for renewal in April 2021: Bob Sodoma, Cindy Root and Rhonda Greineder. Jerry Harris will continue as Caretaker, but will need someone to help with the trim work on the grounds.

Speed Limit Signs – Jerry will take care of this.

The spring meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 21, 2021 at the Courthouse.

Errol made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. It was second by Pat and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Greineder, Secretary