

Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

Date: July 25, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Phil Barker (chair), Jon Gibson, Kitty West (bookkeeper)

Minutes Approved: Minutes were approved for June 27, 2016 as written.

Old Business:

On Thursday, June 30th, Jon and Kitty went to the Russell Graveyard. Only 3 of the 14 trees we had marked with yellow ribbon this past spring were still marked. They located the stake and 2 drill holes marking the boundaries of the graveyard. From there they went to the Dole Graveyard. New growth that is sprouting there needs to be cut.

The next day Kitty, with Kathy's help, remarked with yellow ribbon the trees that we want saved in the Russell Graveyard. Kitty went back today to verify that all the ribbons were in place and they are. Most of the trees in the Russell Graveyard are Beech and they are infected with Beech Bark Disease.

Although the Russell Graveyard is now a "town cemetery" it is doubtful that the family wanted it opened to the public for burials. The expense of locating any interments would prohibit selling lots there, and we concur that we should not consider selling lots there in any case.

We signed the authorization to pay for June's maintenance work.

Stone Vault repaired Salona Proctor's monument last year. However it fell before the bond had hardened. Phil will contact Stone Vault about getting the monument repaired.

Kitty questioned whether or not Stone Vault has been paid for the repair to a monument in the Old Section of the New Center Cemetery this past spring.

New Business:

We sold one lot this month, in the New Center Cemetery.

We have one burial scheduled for next month, on the 19th, in the East Washington Cemetery.

With ongoing research, Kitty located another Revolutionary War veteran in the Old Center Cemetery so we need to order an appropriate flag holder for the grave.

A monument in the new section of the New Center Cemetery has toppled. Phil will try to contact the owners so they may have it repaired.

Running mowers over gravestones that are lying flat on the ground causes them to deteriorate faster. Phil will speak with the contractor to make sure his people are not running their machines across the monuments.

Phil will also remind him that all unintentional woody growth under 3" in diameter is to be removed by August 1st.

We have received a copy of LaValley Northern Services Certificate of Insurance.

We discussed ways to preserve monuments that are beyond repair or to perhaps place a 2nd small marker with names and dates, so the information is not lost at the site. Phil will check into it.

Kitty asked Phil how one would know where an ash interment is within a lot if there is no urn. He said there wasn't any way of knowing.

Kitty filled in ten of the graves that had sunk the most in the East Washington Cemetery using loose dirt from the dirt pile. However, most of the dirt pile is overgrown and hard to dig into. Kitty asked Phil to see if the town would turn the pile.

There is a dead tree next to the back wall in the Old Center Cemetery. Most of the branches have fallen and the trunk is starting to lose its bark. It should be removed before it falls.

We were contacted by a woman who would like to be interred near her family in the Old Section of the New Center Cemetery. Phil will advise her on the available lots in that section.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Bookkeeper,
Kitty West