

Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

Date: August 29th, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved: Minutes were approved for July 25, 2016 as written.

Old Business:

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

Kitty, with Kathy's help, dug up the roots of some of the unintentional woody growth in the East Washington Cemetery. Some that they couldn't dig up they cut off below ground level. Hopefully those roots won't put out new growth.

Phil hasn't heard back from Stone Vault to know when they will repair Salona Proctor's monument or do any of the other stone work.

Phil has not been able to locate the lot owner of the fallen monument in the New Center Cemetery.

The woman who wanted to buy a lot in the Old Section of the New Center Cemetery has changed her mind and will be buried elsewhere.

Phil said he used the left over loam from a recent burial to cover the sand used to fill in some of the sunken graves in the East Washington Cemetery.

A monument in the Old Center Cemetery that was known to be standing three years ago is now down and looks like it suffered an impact, possibly by a mowing machine.

Four ash interments are allowed in a lot. Since there is no way of knowing where such an interment is within the lot if there is no urn, it was suggested that we divide the lots into 4 with each interment in a separate quarter, but Phil pointed out that some people would like to be buried side by side.

The Attorney General's office sent us two CD's with the information covered at the 2016 Cemetery Trustees Seminar that we were unable to attend.

New Business:

Kitty suggested that in next year's budget we include the funds needed to hire a carpenter to repair or build new posts at the entrances of the East Washington Cemetery and to build matching posts for the upper entrance of the Old Center Cemetery. All were in favor.

There appears to have been an unauthorized ash interment in the East Washington Cemetery. Phil will talk to the lot owner.

Kitty suggested we place a sign at the entrance of the East Washington and New Center Cemeteries to the effect that families can inter their loved ones but that a trustee has to be present and we need a record of all burials. Phil and Jon were against the idea saying that we need to dig the hole to assure it is in the right location.

Phil suggested we talk with Arlene France about going to probate to have all of our perpetual care funds turned over to the general maintenance fund.

Jon suggested we meet at the Paul Section of the East Washington Cemetery on this Wednesday at 5:15 P.M. to flag a line on the easterly border and see what would be involved in building a stone wall along that border so we might have a scattering ground there with inscriptions of the deceased on the stone wall. Phil will ask for estimates from three local contractors. This project would require a capital improvement expenditure.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Bookkeeper,
Kitty West