

Princeton Cemetery Commission Meeting – Monday May 20, 2019
Town Hall Annex - Small Meeting Room
Minutes

June 6, 2019

Present: Charlie Steele, Lou Trostel, Paul Constantino, Greg Miranda, Ron Milenski and Cemetery Superintendent, Bill Bergstrom.

Cemetery Inspections/Walk Throughs – North, Meetinghouse and Woodlawn Cemeteries – 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Members Steele, Miranda and Milenski conducted inspections and walk throughs of North, Meetinghouse and Woodlawn Cemeteries. Items related to the Project/Work List were discussed and were presented to the committee at the 7:00 P.M. meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Steele at the Town Hall Annex – Small Meeting Room at 7:10 P.M.

Cemetery Inspections/Walk Throughs - Reviews

North Cemetery:

- A. Requires Mowing – Not Mowed This Year
- B. Erosion Problem at the End of the Cobblestone Pathway (Near the Stone Wall)
- C. Cobblestone Path is Not Level and Requires Additional Grout Material
- D. The Area Between the Cobblestones is also Eroded
- E. A Fertilizer and Lime Program Needs to be Developed and Implemented. Soil Test ?
- F. Approximately 60 FT. from Road – Bank Erosion – Requires Stabilization
- G. 3 Memorial Stones and Terrace Banking (Near Alice A. Memorial Stone – Right Side) Requires Stabilization
- H. Three to Five Memorial Stones are Damaged or Fallen Over and Require Repair
- I. The Area near Dolmat/Connell and O'Donnell Grave Sites Requires Seed and Fertilization
- J. The Large Shrubs/Trees near the Perry Grave Site are Infested with Borer Insects and May Require Removal
- K. The Project to Develop Cremation Lots/Plots (Front Left of Cemetery) Still Needs to be Completed. – Bids Need to be Obtained and Reviewed

Meetinghouse Cemetery:

- A. The Cemetery Information Box is in Disrepair. Requires Removal or Repair
- B. There is Loose/Bare Soil Along the Sidewalk near Mountain Road. Upon Further Inspection this Area is Infested with White Grubs
- C. Four Trees Require Pruning to Remove Dead Wood
- D. Research Needs to Occur to Determine if there are any Lots/Plots Available for Sale/Burials. Consider Possible Discussion with Historical Commission

- E. Some Non – Conforming Decorations have been Installed at Grave Sites and Require Removal
- F. Some Memorial Stones have Fallen Over and Require Up Righting

Woodlawn Cemetery:

- A. Reminder to Apply Grub Control Product
- B. Keough Grave Site is in Non-Compliance. Placing Non-Conforming Decorations. Notice has been Previously Given
- C. Reminder to Schedule Mowing within Close Proximity to the Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 26th
- D. Numerous Winter Decorations and Non-Conforming Decorations need to be Removed
- E. Per 2018 Cemetery Commission Vote/Approval – Dark/Earthy Mulch needs to be Purchased for Citizen Use Near Plantings at Memorial Stones at All Princeton Cemeteries. Notice Needs to be Given so that Our Citizens are Aware of the Free Mulch.
- F. Member, Milenski Mentioned that Cemetery Superintendent, Bergstrom Received a Proposal from a Neighbor Willing to Donate Land Bordering the Cemetery
- G. Bush and Debris is being Dumped near Section 1986 and Requires Removal
- H. The Three Commission Members Noted that this Cemetery is in Very Good Condition and is Properly Prepared for the Memorial Day Observance

Review of April 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for April 22, 2019 were reviewed.

A motion was made by member, Miranda to accept the minutes as written.
motion was seconded by member, Constantino.
were accepted. Vote: 5 – 0.

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Cemetery Superintendent's Report

Cemetery Superintendent, Bergstrom, presented quotes for these projects:

1. Fertilizer and Grub Control Application for North, South and West Cemeteries
2. Seed and Stabilize Eroded Bank Area at North Cemetery
3. Prune Four Trees at Meetinghouse Cemetery
4. Complete Site Work at North Cemetery to Create Cremation Lots/Plots

Discussion related to these quotes and proposals occurred.

Superintendent, Bergstrom reported that 2 Cremation and 1 Full Body burials have recently occurred.

Bill will provide additional information regarding the proposal from the Princeton citizen who is willing to donate land near Woodlawn Cemetery.

Repair of Broken Memorial Stones – Boy Scouts , etc.

Member, Miranda reported that the Boy Scouts are not available during the spring to participate in a community service project to catalog and store the damaged memorial stones at all cemeteries. They might be available in the fall.

Repair of Broken Memorial Stones – Boy Scouts , etc., Continued

Superintendent, Bergstrom mentioned that he would like to investigate other options regarding the memorial stone repairs and he will report at a future date. Bill will also document the total number and location of the damaged memorial stones.

Memorial Day Observance – May 26,2019, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Chairman, Steele noted that all plans and most preparations for the Memorial Day Observance are complete. Phil Connors has purchased the small U.S. flags for the veteran's markers at each veteran grave site. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will place the flags into the veteran's markers.

Review of Drawings for South and West Cemeteries

Member, Milenski presented drawings of South and West Cemeteries that depict the estimated number and location of sellable lots/plots. These drawings were developed by former Cemetery Superintendent, Any Brown with the aid of "Ground Radar" technology. The largest number of available lots/plots are at South Cemetery.

Chairman, Steele will scan these drawings and email copies to all members. Superintendent, Bergstrom already has these drawings for his utilization.

Review and Discussion of Cemetery "Project List"

The Cemetery "Project List" items were previously covered by Cemetery Superintendent, Bergstrom.

Next Meeting – June 17, 2019

Chairman, Steele set the time and date for the next meeting, 6:00 P.M. on June 17, 2019. The members will meet at South Cemetery and then proceed to West and Boylston Cemeteries for inspections. The monthly Cemetery Meeting will convene at the Town Hall Annex - Small Meeting Room, after the inspections.

Member, Milenski motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by Member, Constantino.

Motion Passed: 5 – 0.

adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Submitted by Ron Milenski, Secretary

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