

**EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD
MEETING MAY 3, 2007 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Eileen Reamer at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Vesta Sedlacek, seconded by Mitch Sedlacek to approve minutes of May 2006, Motion Carried.

Motion by Carl Brown, seconded by Chum Vogue to approve minutes of May 2006. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants:

Grants discussed. No new information. Marv Radtke may be a good source on information for grants. Marie Dean will contact him. Paving the remaining driveways is still a goal.

Cremation Garden:

Grid for the cremation garden will be completed this summer. Discussion on various cremation burial options.

Memorial Flowers:

Discussion on discontinuing the planting of flowers by Dorothy Westrate. Motion by Lloyd Morgan, Seconded by Vesta Sedlacek to discontinue flower planting. Motion Carried.

Township Newsletter:

Evergreen Cemetery news to be published in Paradise township newsletter.

Planting at Cemetery:

Problems at the cemetery regarding spreading bushes and trees. No planting allowed without permission from the Cemetery Board. Lilacs and spreading bushes are not allowed and will be removed. Artificial Flowers are still causing a problem when mowing. The wires get tangled in the mowers. We are asking for everyone's help in policing the cemetery.

Mapping the Cemetery:

Mapping the cemetery is required by the state. Individual names will not be on the map. Each lot will have a lot number. Discussion on mapping was followed by a motion by Mitch Sedlacek and seconded by Carl Brown to contact Mitchell Surveying to begin the process of mapping, for a charge between \$1000.00 & \$1500.00. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Maintenance:

Camp Pugsley is doing the mowing, trimming, raking and moving of branches and keeping the cemetery looking great all summer. The leaves and brush they collect in the spring will be moved before Memorial Day.

NEW BUSINESS:**Election of Officers:**

President. Mitch Sedlacek nominated for President by Chum Vogue, Seconded by Van Heim. Motion Carried.

Proposal to join the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Motion by Vesta Sedlacek, Seconded by Eileen Reamer. Motion Carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Vanita Heim nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Vesta Sedlacek, seconded by Chum Vogue. Motion Carried.

Township Info:

Discussion on how the funds in the Evergreen Cemetery Board treasury should be handled. The MTA feels the funds should be handled through Paradise Township. Paradise Township and the Evergreen Cemetery Board feel the funds that came with the Cemetery Board, when the title transfer of cemetery ownership to the Township occurred, should remain in the Evergreen Cemetery Treasury. The township auditors are to provide a letter stating the fund remain in the control of the Evergreen Cemetery Committee.

Cemetery Dues:

Discussion to discontinue collecting annual or permanent cemetery maintenance dues. The collecting of dues has become difficult and time consuming. Motion by Lloyd Morgan, seconded by Van Heim to discontinue collection of dues beginning May 1, 2007. Any dues received after May 1, 2007 will be returned.

Adhoc Committee to Paradise Township:

Appointment of a nine (9) member adhoc committee to the Paradise Township. Adhoc committee consists of nine members of the Evergreen Cemetery Committee and one township rep. Motion by Vesta Sedlacek, seconded by Chum Vogue to appoint 9 members of the Evergreen Cemetery committee to the adhoc committee. Motion Carried.

Cemetery Adhoc Committee

Mitch Sedlacek, Vanita Heim, Carl Brown, Lloyd Morgan, Durwin Mackey, Vesta Sedlacek, Eileen Reamer, Dorothy Westrate, Chum Vogue

Gravesite Fees

Discussion on increasing the charges for Gravesite prices. Increase in charges will allow the discontinuation of annual and lifetime dues payment.

Motion to increase gravesite charges beginning May 1, 2007
By Lloyd Morgan, Seconded by Chum Vogue. Motion Carried.

Paradise Township	\$250.00
Adjoining Townships	\$300.00
Others	\$400.00
Cremation	\$300.00 (excavation, burial space, marker)

New building:

New building is complete.

The stolen mowers have been replaced along with the trimmers.

The township needs a current list of all equipment stored. Lloyd Morgan to provide a list of items and serial numbers. Mowers, trimmers, bench grinder, air compressor, battery charger and etc.

New outdoor toilet:

A new toilet will be placed at the cemetery. It is a more permanent building with a concrete holding tank. The site has been staked out.

Current toilet will be pumped out before Memorial Day.

Veterans Memorial:

Discussion on having a memorial built to honor our veterans.

Durwin Mackey and Lloyd Morgan will contact Tim Wicksall to design and build the memorial. The cost to be between \$700.00 and \$800.00.

Motion by Vesta Sedlacek and seconded by Carl Brown to build a memorial near the front of the cemetery near center entrance by the Kingsley Cemetery Sign and the U.S. Flag.

Respectfully Submitted

Vanita Heim