

Mantua Hillside Cemetery

March 28, 2012 at 6:30pm

Minutes

Present: Mayor Linda Clark, Claude Hopkins, Kim Block, Cookie Vanek

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. A motion to approve the minutes of January and February 2012, was made by Kim Block, seconded by Claude Hopkins. Motion passed.

Mayor Clark asked if the board had time to look at the grid of cemetery plots Anthony Fiorilli, Village Administrator marked off at Hillside Cemetery. There were no objections to plotting and selling the new graves to the family that owns the surrounding graves. Anthony will speak to Jenny August who will determine the numbering sequence for the new graves.

The placement of one memorial stone at the foot of a grave will be allowed as long as it falls within the size limits set by the cemetery board. The flat memorial stone cannot exceed the standard size of the veteran plaques.

Mayor Clark received a quote from Ruffin Company at \$400.00/week to mow and trim the cemetery which is estimated to take 2 days each week. Other options discussed were using part time help, spraying round up around the graves for weed control, paying the maintenance out of the trust and the possibility of using community service juveniles to help maintain the cemetery.

Claude spoke to Stamm regarding the rotted logs in front of the Mausoleum. Stamm quoted \$1,000.00 to install the decorative beams and the delivery and set up would be free. The Village would provide the backhoe work needed.

Kim spoke to Petitti's regarding the pricing on various options for the 30 +potted plants that are placed on graves throughout the cemetery per the Trust. She has not received a response and will contact them again. The Village has about 25 pots that can be used to offset some of the cost.

Discussion took place regarding quotes on mulch. Claude will measure the driveway and get a quote from Todd Brugmann for limestone and asphalt. Using grindings from other Village streets was also discussed as an option.

Two benches from other areas of the Village will be moved to the cemetery. There was a general discussion regarding the removal of dead trees, starting with the trees in the worst condition this year and continuing to remove diseased or dead trees every year thereafter.

The filling of sinking and undermining graves and headstones should be addressed in the near future.

Mayor Clark asked the board for a list of recommendations and improvements to the cemetery. Cookie had 6-8 items listed, many of which were discussed in the meeting. Kim and Claude will submit their list to the Mayor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

C. Vanek, Secretary