

Cemetery Board

July 17, 2019

5pm

Markillie Chapel

Present: Doug Hardtmayer, Joann Moore, Roberto Sorgi, Chris Winters, Trent Wash (staff liaison)

Roberto Sorgi moved/Doug Hardtmayer seconded the approval of the past minutes.

All aye.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mowing: The Board did a spot check as they drove in to look at mowing in Markillie/St. Mary's. The issue was brought up last quarter by a plot holder (Mr. McGarvey) and the staff was immediately informed.

Trent mentioned that they are re-doing the seeding in the section in question, since some of the seeding washed out due to rains.

Chris Winters mentioned that there were some stones sprayed with mud by mowing when she visited. In particular, she saw one in the Markillie section.

Trent mentioned also #116 in St. Mary's and said the staff is looking into drains as a solution and will give the board the information as soon as he has it.

2. Boy Scout Project: James Banko is finished with the benches at O'Brien and will be starting with the fence around Old Township soon. The fence will have a small plaque that shows it's an Eagle project.
3. Properties: Trent is still waiting for information from Frank Comeriato on the properties the board has interest in.

Consensus was to not do site visits until we have a good idea on which sites are possible.

4. Barb Hannah Group/Headstone Restoration Update:

A couple visiting town on genealogical research reported being solicited for money on the grounds of Old Township. As out of towners, they didn't recognize the person, identifying them only as a City worker.

Trent checked with his entire staff and no one tried to solicit funds or even knew enough about the headstone restoration project to promote it.

The ladies looking into potential funding are only looking at grants, not soliciting directly. (And would be required by staff to run any solicitation letter by the board.)

Doug wondered if it might be someone who'd heard of the project and who wasn't soliciting, so much as "informing." However, the couple did say they'd been asked for a donation.

Grants: Until now, the ladies and Mrs. Hannah have been looking into grants.

As of today, Trent mentioned to Rhonda Kadish that they might need help, and she had a lead on a grant from Ohio Connect.

Trent reported that Rhonda was asking Barb Van Blarcum for information on this, since Barb also had mentioned the concept of funding from the Morgan's daughter, Suzanne.

They will loop in Barb Hannah's committee on the grant writing.

Trent will also mail the entire Board a pdf of the proposal as an overview in case we had individual feedback for the committee.

At its last meeting the Board voted to encourage that the committee see if grant moneys are available and look forward to seeing their proposal once they see if the moneys are there.

If the calendar permits, Trent will try to loop the Board in when Mark Smith assesses the additional phase of stones, allowing us to further ask him about his professional procedures.

5. Columbarium: Will come up in this year's budget.
The Board has seen a general presentation of styles and will look at specifics in future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Questers Brochures: The mailbox is filled.
2. Financial Report: The first quarter had no sales. We are at \$31,500 in sales now, as opposed to \$54,000 last year.

Pre-sales look to be having a positive impact, but Trent will continue to track. He reports the operational budget is “solid,” and we will be seeing a mower and the columbarium project as line items.

3. Paving: Finished. Curbs and two “speed bumps” are actually drainage measures.

There being no further concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.