

# Beech Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees

## Minutes

October 11, 2022

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Members Present: Linda Barton, Zac Bow, Lesia Meer, Karen Vincent

Members Absent: Sally Jo Vasicko, Tommy Goul, John Beatty

Also Present: Troy Watters

- Leisa Meer called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
- Minutes – Upon a motion made by Linda Barton and seconded by Zac Bow, the minutes were approved.
- Claims – Motion: KV; Second: LB
  - Claims were reviewed by Zac Bow. In discussion, it was noted that:
    - The claim by Charles T. Morgan was for work done on the pond.
    - A new printer was purchased from Weber Office Equipment.
    - A 2013 truck was purchased from Sam Pierce Chevrolet. The cost was \$1,755 more than the amount that was originally appropriated for a vehicle. The grounds crew will use this truck, and the mechanic will provide regular maintenance.
    - Gregory Marvin is now receiving the increase in pay that was approved at the September meeting.
  - Upon a motion made by Karen Vincent and seconded by Linda Barton, the claims were approved.

### Old Business

- Ordinances
  - Ordinances presented at the September City Council meeting regarding the dates for the evaluation of the superintendent and the date of reorganization passed at the October meeting. Superintendent evaluation will take place in November starting in 2023 and reorganization will take place in January of each year.

### Superintendent's Report

- Troy Watters reported that:
  - Complete Masonry Services (CMS) will work on the exterior of the chapel.
  - The fake owls and geese repellent seem to be working.
  - Volunteer Stephen Strauck's weed eater and gas can were stolen while he was working in the cemetery. By consensus the board approved buying replacements.
  - Several of the seasonal helpers have been laid off for the year. There are still three part-timers working.
  - The Parks Department and the urban forester have cut down several trees.
  - The October program hosted by the Old West End netted \$1,534. Half of that amount goes to Beech Grove Cemetery.
  - Monument companies and funeral homes are increasing prices in 2023. Beech Grove has not raised prices for several years. Troy Watters distributed a price list with recommended new prices. It was suggested that further discussion is needed before a decision is made.

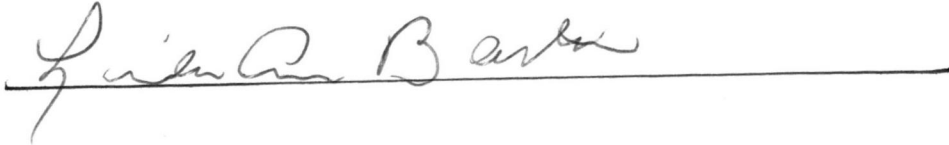
- Troy Watters suggested that all headstone foundations should be set by Beech Grove employees at a cost of \$.60 per square foot. By consensus, the board agreed. The monument companies will be notified.
- The price list for trustee burials was distributed. Troy Watters noted that Beech Grove currently loses money on trustee burials. He requested permission to address the issue at a township board meeting. It was decided that more information is needed before a recommendation and/or decision is made by the Beech Grove board.
- Troy Watters suggested that Beech Grove consider using formed concrete for fence columns. The cost to do so would be less than \$2,000 per column. Karen Vincent and Zac Bow suggested that more information is needed about the effect this decision would have on National Register of Historic Places status. It was decided to table discussion until the November meeting.

Other Business

- The November meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15 at 4:15 p.m.
- There will be a demonstration of the CemSites software on Tuesday, November 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Linda Barton and seconded by ~~Karen Vincent~~, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
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