

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING****Monday, April 8, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.**

**In attendance:** Mayor Bill Koons, Council members Cindy Nairn, Mark Porter & Jerry Canton, Former Park Committee member Ed Pyle, Landscape Architect Craig Cawrse, Street Commissioner Darrell Johnson, Fiscal Officer Danielle Romanowski

Romanowski reviewed the number of lots in the cemetery being: 286 Full lots, 110 Cremation lots, 2 Indigent lots for a total of 398 lots. As of the date of this meeting, 29 lots were sold, and 10 people have been buried in 9 lots.

Cawrse indicated he walked the cemetery last fall with Nairn. Maintenance needs to be improved and regarding the landscaping near the entry – the trees that died need to be replaced. The lights at the entrance were already replaced. He said trees and shrubs along the front need to be addressed. Johnson said it was suggested last year that pine trees be installed along the front. Nairn stated that some of the landscaping was installed in the heat of the summer in 2015 and died.

Johnson said the bricks in the scattering garden get stained from road salt on Chillicothe Road and any plantings should be salt tolerant. Nairn inquired if evergreens along Chillicothe Road would make a good sound barrier for the noise. Cawrse replied that salt would burn the evergreens out. To get further away from the road, the idea of eliminating the first row of graves inside the fence line was discussed to allow room to install trees there. Johnson stated he had concerns that if that was done, it would greatly affect access to getting to those graves for burials. Romanowski stated at \$1,000-\$2,000 per grave, eliminating that row of graves would have a significant financial impact.

Nairn suggested installing columnar oaks on the side of the fence by the street as she felt they were hearty. Cawrse will think about this.

Johnson explained the trees on the south side of the driveway near the retention pond (near the Wise grave) encroach into the grave line. He would like to have his staff move the three (3) trees closer to the driveway and away from the graves.

Cawrse said when replacing the trees, the Village should look at symmetry and put in the same type of trees. Johnson suggested Burning Red or Burning Maple trees. Cawrse suggested installing the trees in the spring with water bags.

Nairn reported that when she walked the cemetery with Cawrse last year, there was black slime in the grass. Johnson said there is a problem with crabgrass in the cemetery and he would like to get rid of what is there and then treat annually. The estimated cost is a couple hundred dollars for the rental of the equipment plus the cost of seed.

Regarding the benches for the cemetery, the Village budgeted for five (5) benches to be installed. The Wise family already purchased a bench. The Village needs to get the benches installed so the Wise family can get their bench engraved. Porter will make a motion at the Council meeting to move forward with purchasing the benches.

Johnson explained the source for the power for the flagpole at the cemetery as well as the park and service building. The estimated cost for installing the lines, the lights, etc. is \$1,500 for all three. Porter will make a motion to amend the budget for doing this project to get it done ASAP.

Regarding advertising for cemetery lots, the Village will continue to keep advertising in the newsletter and try to get in every newsletter.

There was discussion about headstone writing and whether it should be on the north or south side of the stone. Romanowski reported that in 2015 this issue was discussed, and it was decided the writing should go on the south side of the stone so that when someone is standing at the foot of the grave, when they look at the headstone, they can read the writing. Referring to the south end of the cemetery to the small section of graves near the retention pond, Johnson wanted this confirmed as the first headstone in this area is going to be installed. He felt perhaps in this area alone, the writing should go on the north side of the headstone facing the driveway so that people could read the name from the driveway. Romanowski stated people could put the last name on the back side of the headstone if they so choose, and this could be pointed out to them at the time of the purchase. It was agreed that the Rules and Regulations would stay as currently adopted with the writing being on the south side of the headstone with additional optional writing on the north side if they family so chose.

Johnson said he will use better, triple-screened mulch on properties this year in an attempt to reduce the growth of weeds.

Porter summarized the meeting and stated four (4) trees would be replaced at the cemetery entrance with two (2) additional trees replaced within the cemetery. This will be done with either Red Maple or Burning Maple to match the other trees for symmetry. The lawn will be redone in-house. The estimated cost for these projects is \$4,000 – the current budget is \$3,000. The estimated cost to illuminate the flagpoles at the cemetery, park and service building is \$1,500 for the electrical lines, lights, etc. Porter will look to amend the appropriations for both of these items at the 4/8/19 Council meeting.

Property Committee cemetery discussion ended at 9:45 a.m.

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Gerald Canton – Property Committee Chair

Prepared by Danielle Romanowski

Property Committee Meeting 4/18/19 9:00 AM  
Attendees BK, KC, MP, JL, SN, EB, DT, DR

286 full 2 units, 395 total, 296 ordered  
292 lots sold - 9 lots occupied 19 used

Trees Town Landscaping Company

- Entry Landscaping
- Tree light at entry way
- 5 shrubs needed for bushes
- > Maybe inside the fence line?

- Move trees at SW corner 2' to north

- 5 trees at corner died  
new Replaca w/ 8 <sup>Burns, Maple</sup> magnolias

- Water & Water Bag around
- Remove one that died

Camelias

- Benches

- 3/2 -> 4/2

- Lights 1500

- FLAG5 @ woods

- Town - black slims

- Crabgrass - 200

- Seed slims - 1000

directions

- 3K in budget for misc

- need to up

- Benches

- Council to approve move forward w/ benches

- Flagpole lighting (3)  
- 1500

- Amicus Mrs - Amend

4w - 3K -> 4K Approf.

Park Mtg

4/8/14 11 AM

Attendees: B22, B23, C, CC, ME, DJ

- 17 Runways view - playground
- 18 Move bench & playground closer to pavilion
- 19 Rain garden - NE corner - avoid 3
- 20 Dumpster delivery end of May, attempt to be done before
- 21 Final details of ~~the~~ playground equipment needed
- 22 June 29 concert
- 23 Branches, trees, adult fitness eqpt
  - 4 benches - 750 x 50
  - Trash cans - 850 -
- Up to 15 at 9 - trees - 600
- 24 Park's Shrub & Gazebo - 1950 to 1900 700
- 25 Playground Sign - Donors, Rules
  - > No dogs

SRV Cemetery meeting  
Monday, April 8, 9:00 am.  
SRV Hall

Agenda

1. Number of plots in cemetery
2. Number of plots sold
3. Number of plots occupied
4. Trees
5. Lawn
6. Landscaping
7. Benches
8. Flagpole
9. Advertising
10. Suggestions