

*Cemetery Trustee Meeting*  
*Minutes*  
*May 2, 2018*

*Present at meeting: Mary Dickson, Steve Trombly, Kris Jensen,  
Ricky Riendeau, Troy Swanick*

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Steve Trombly.

1. The first order of business was to elect a new chairman. Kris nominated Mary for chairman. Steve seconded the nomination. All voted in favor.
2. The minutes from the 6/20/17 meeting were reviewed. Kris made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Steven seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. The water at Riverside was the next topic for discussion. Troy and Mary advised that there had been very few, if any, complaints last year about the water. A few possible suggestions were offered: place water tanks in various spots in the cemetery although that would mean labor to keep them filled. They would also be a bit of an eyesore and great places for graffiti. We can't drill a well because the EPA has determined that the water in that area can't be used even for irrigation. Replacement of the entire water system at Riverside would be extremely expensive so the idea has been rejected. As it stands, things will remain as they are with one spigot available at the cemetery building.
4. The issue of street signs was taken up again. Several ideas were suggested such as having granite stones engraved with the street names and then placing them in the roads; placing section signs on granite posts at each section. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Troy and Steve would get together and create a "section post" and put it up and then the trustees would go view it to see what they think. If we agree that it is suitable the trustees will pay to have all the sections marked. Then for the roads, Steve suggested we contact the local Boy Scout Troop to see if someone would like to take on ideas for the street names, their creation and installation as an Eagle Scout project.
5. Regarding "non-approved items" in the cemetery: Troy will put the sign out next week. We advised him to wait until after Memorial Day and then start removing non-approved items. We also advised him to forward any complaints to the office.
6. Paving/grading of roads: We will wait on the paving until we decide how we are going to implement the street names. Troy and Ricky will discuss which roads need to be graded and it will be done as time allows.

7. Eagle Scout project: Troy hasn't been able to get in touch with the Eagle Scout doing the project. We're assuming the scout will get in touch with us once school is out.
8. Emergency Egress of Jacques School through Elm St Cemetery – we discussed this issue and all agree that egress through the cemetery is not only unacceptable but couldn't be accomplished. In order for children, especially handicapped children, to be able to access the cemetery they would need to build a ramp on the school side of the cemetery as well as a ramp on the Elm Street side of the cemetery. State law prohibits ANY digging within 15 feet of a cemetery boundary so ramps couldn't be installed. Kris is going to go check out the area and see if he can provide a solution to the problem. The trustees are certainly concerned with the safety of the children in a crisis situation.
9. New business: Kris asked Troy if/when the split rails at Union Street cemetery would be repaired. Troy advised that it was on his list and he had checked on pricing for the split rails. Kris made a motion to allow Troy to spend up to \$500 to replace the split rails. Steve seconded the motion. All voted in favor. If the amount exceeds \$500 (Troy doesn't think it will) Troy will advise the trustees and we will vote on the new expenditure. We also discussed the issue with the chain link fence on the other side of the Union St cemetery. Right after Troy repaired the chain link fence someone ran into it again. Also the neighbors are pushing their snow into it. Kris suggested we put some boulders up to protect the fence and we all agreed that would be a good idea.
10. New business: Troy inquired if it would be possible to start taking credit cards for lot payments. After a brief discussion we decided to look into the matter. Update to follow at next meeting.
11. New business: Steve thought it would be nice to send Thank You cards to the scouts who have already completed their Eagle Scout projects in West Street and Union Street cemeteries. Mary will get cards and have them signed and send them.
12. As there were no other items for discussion Kris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Steve. Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Mary V. Dickson  
May 3, 2018