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Cemetery Commission Minutes 05/13/2010

Present: Commissioners Michele Hassler and William McCarthy, and Acting Cemetery Supervisor Jason Jones

The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

1. Minutes were read and approved.
2. Deeds were signed.
3. Discussed plans for continued grounds clean-up in preparation for Memorial Day.
4. Discussed having Jim Dodge take care of the trees that are marked and the time line for that.
5. Bill placed almost 3,000 flags at veterans' graves.
6. Stones continue to be fixed by Kevin Duffy. Michele will meet with him to go over work done and cost. Safety is a priority at this point with many of the older stones needing to be re-set so as not to fall over.
7. Bolle family grave site stairs were fixed by staff and Kevin Duffy.
8. It was suggested that Jean put out comment forms in a basket and on a separate table for any thoughts visitors might like to submit to the commissioners to help decrease any crowding in the office or interference with her work time.
9. Culhane grave: we will allow t-shirt to stay one more week after Memorial Day and then ask if they could please take home with them.
10. The commissioners would like to put up a bench to honor former Commissioner Edward Murphy. Jean will call his family and give them a choice of spots.
11. Discussed Bill availability for trust fund meeting~ he will re-check dates and if he can go or not.
12. The grounds were already fertilized once and will be done again once more as well as dandelion control before Memorial Day.
13. The commissioners will review for price changes next meeting.
14. The commissioners will send out a letter regarding the new policy of the staff not carrying caskets anymore for the funeral directors due to budget cuts and staff safety concerns.
15. Bill suggested changing the barrels in the cemetery to gray colored ones so they blend in more with the grounds.
16. Bill will try to have Brian review the letter to the funeral directors before we send out.
17. Michele reviewed how the public meeting went regarding Cooke's Hollow and the next steps that need to be taken.

The meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Hassler