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The Minutes of the Arlington Cemetery Commission November 09, 2016

Present: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Brian Hasbrouck, DPW Director, Mike Rademacher, DPW Op. Manager, Dan Warren and Cemetery Supervisor, Jason Jones

Meeting opened at 9:00 am

Minutes of October 12, 2016 were approved

Four (4) deeds signed

Mike opened the meeting.

Columbarium site was loamed and seeded. Rye was used for quick growth with new grass coming up in the spring. We will talk about plantings and a bench in the spring. He reminded us that the fence will stay up until the grass grows and that trees were taken out of the budget to keep cost down. Pathway will be undermined when or if phase 2 happens. Soft brush should be able to clean off backside of columbarium. Some of the shrubs on the other side of the brook needed to moved and this is complete.

Mike reminded us that Kevin Duffy had \$10,000 in capital account to do restoration and cleaning of headstones.

Commission voted yes to an additional \$50,000 to be taken out of Perpetual Care for tree work. That raises the Perpetual Care deduction to \$200,000 yearly.

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CPA update;

Michele met with CPA board on November 2. First stop was to look at the tomb at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. They then went to the Old Burying Ground. Wall is in horrible condition which includes capstones missing and tree damage. Brian asked if an aggressive tree program should be put in place and suggested no trees be planted within a certain distance of the wall. The CPA board will send along a list of names of people that are familiar with this type of work. Michele received an email from Ivan Myjer who should be able to update his study of 2007 and Michele will ask if he can provide us with a cost for entire perimeter.

Engraving of the niche plates was discussed again. Brian suggested Eickhof do a mock-up of the lettering. Will we remove the plates for engraving? Are we allowing suffixes i.e., Jr., Sr., III, Capt.? A form will be needed to be signed by owner and engraver. Bill will make this form up and a final decision on engraving will be put in place at next meeting. Commission approved the selling of niches.

Reviewed the monthly tally

Meeting adjourned at11:28 am Next meeting will be November 9, 2016

Respectfully submitted Jean Smith