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The Minutes of the Arlington Cemetery Commission May 10, 2017

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

Meeting opened at 9:00 am
Minutes from April 12, 2017 was approved
5 deeds were signed

Update on Chapel repairs; 3 garage doors will be replaced, basement has been painted, chapel ceiling touched up, new air conditioners in place. Old air conditioners will be removed and windows fixed. New boiler and asbestos removal still scheduled to be done.

Landscaping; Dan and Jason did a drive-thru with the new landscapers. Prescription Turf will be in today to fertilize and soil test. Final landscaping for the columbarium awaiting a quote from another landscaper as original contract was not followed and there is \$2000.00 left. We will see if someone can hydro-seed and Dan suggested the path be pressure washed as there are tire tracks from mower. We hope to have it done by Memorial Day. Shrubs planted on this side of the brook look good. Dan will get flowers from Mahoney's to be planted in mulched areas and will be paid for out of the lot decoration fund. Extra help will be sent to assist with the loaming and seeding of graves. Dan discussed the \$50,000.00 that will be available in the FY18 budget for tree work. Request was done to remove dead tree at front gate. Flower and decoration clean-up is being done this week. Flag placement for Memorial Day will start May 13th.

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New plexiglass for the message board in front of chapel will be placed. Commission suggested signs be placed to advertise the presale for the columbarium.

Some additional trash barrels should be placed.

Community Preservation Act was approved for survey for the Old Burying Ground.

Jean informed the commission of a possible disinterment in X-97.

The discussion progressed about placing a new monument at the Veteran site where the cannons are. What will it say? Bill will send a letter out to the Memorial Committee. We will revisit this at the June meeting.

Dan will mark out a spot in the flower circle to move the police monument forward to allow us to open the area up for graves, flat marker only. The trees in that area should not be an issue for now. Section FF sales still not available. Maps should be updated to include new graves in the HH and I field. Boundary line of natural plants would be nice to separate the green cremain burials from the earth burial graves. Michele discussed several places that do green burials.

Lettering for the columbarium looks good and it was voted to place Veteran medallions by the birth year and if an additional one to be placed, the death year.

To be reviewed in June; pricing, new monument and the HH field

Monthly numbers were reviewed

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.
Next meeting will be June 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Smith

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