

ARLINGTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pinske at the Public Cemetery at 8:37 A. M.

Members present: Councilman Borchert, Elmer Burdorf (newly appointed), Gildea, Glieden, Goblirsch, Pinske, Weckwerth, and Wentzlauff. Supt. Thomes was also in attendance.

Member absent: Wiemann.

Minutes of the April 30, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

At the cemetery members viewed and discussed the following items.

Roadway Curve. The curve has been completed near the original entrance at a cost of **\$1850.00**. The original bid was **\$1250.00**. The cost increase was the result of the change in specifications.

Original Entrance Gate has been repaired. The original materials were used in the repair of the gate.

Monuments and Headstones were viewed. It was noted that a number of monuments were apparently stuck by a mower and moved by the impact. Also noted was that some headstones/footstones have been damaged by mower blades. The damage was brought to the attention of Supt. Thomes and City Administrator Matt Jaunich.

Cemetery grass mowing and Maintenance was brought to the attention of Supt. Thomes and City Administrator Jaunich. The north and east cemetery property lines need to have tall grass removed as well as some trees trimmed. The question was posed as to "Is the cemetery grass mowed too often?"

Landscaping. A lengthy discussion was held on placing shrubbery along part of the north boundary to shield the view of electrical transformers located on city property. A number of viewpoints were presented. Chairperson Pinske polled the members as to their opinions. The consensus of the members was to use a type of shrubbery instead of a fence as a sight barrier. Removal of some trees in the area was also discussed. Chairperson Pinske will contact Redwood Falls Nursery for an opinion and design.

**NEW BUSINESS**

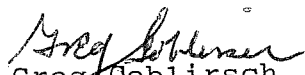
New Member. Elmer Burdorf was appointed by Mayor Kreft to fill a vacancy on the Committee. Elmer takes office immediately.

Letters to property owners. Moved by Glieden, second by Borchert to recommend to the City Council that final notice letters be mailed to property owners on East Dayton Street abutting the cemetery to remove a sandbox on cemetery property or pay cost of removal by the City and to inform two property owners who planted trees on cemetery property that said trees are now owned by the City and cannot be removed as the deadline for removal has expired. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting June 25th @ 8:30 A. M. - Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 A. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Greg Goblirsch  
Secretary