



OAK HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Established 1868

Nashua, Iowa

A special meeting of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association was held at North Iowa Monument on Saturday, April 3, 2021, being called to order at 10 AM by President Scott Cerwinski with board members Larry Oleson and Corey Cerwinski present and Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Adelmund joining via telephone. Chad Nelson was also in attendance.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report will be sent to members at the conclusion of the current fiscal year in May. The current balances were shared with the board;

\$2655.52 - Checking Account

\$116,964.34 - Memorial Trust (01/01/2021)

\$145,000 - Hill Trust (approximate)

\$38,803.22 - Endowment Trust (01/01/2021).

Elections: Motion by Corey, seconded by Larry to appoint Chad Nelson as the newest Board Member and Trustee, for a 4 year term. Passed unanimously.

Due to not having a formal Annual Meeting the past few years, and the difficulty of finding people interested in serving on the Board of Directors, it was decided to amend the current by-laws and adjust our board to 5 members + the Board President, with the same restriction as before; the President not having any voting authority. Motion by Corey, seconded by Larry to amend the by-laws and appoint new board members to an initial 4 year term with an additional 2 years for each term served after. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Corey, seconded by Chad to have Larry Oleson and Corey Cerwinski appointed for a 2 year term, and Scott Cerwinski and Jerry Adelmund appointed to a one-time 3 year term. Passed unanimously. This leaves one vacancy on the Board.

New Business:

Road Repair: After some discussion about the condition of roads, Scott will look into some bids for road repair and what it might cost to continue to either seal-coat or black top more roads in the cemetery. With the possibility of additional memorial money for the Rich and Alice Grady estate, all were in agreement that we need to invest money in the cemetery roads and grounds. Besides patching the road coming up from the gate, other repairs or replacement would wait until after the major truck traffic is done.

Caretaker Shed: Larry has been picking up shingles and suggested we look into getting the roof replaced with shingles or metal. Corey offered to see what would be needed for steel for the roof and get a few estimates. Jerry will check on glass to replace a broken window along with the condition of the paint on the shed.

Weeds: With the unfortunate explosion of dandelions during the Memorial Day weekend last year, Corey presented a \$359 bid to spray that area for weeds this spring. Motion by Jerry, seconded by Chad to have this done. Motion passed unanimously.

Flag Poles: The Veterans have asked for the trees around the flag poles to be trimmed prior to Memorial Day. Scott will see if the City of Nashua would provide their new lift to have trees trimmed.

Stump Removal: There are two stumps that need to be removed, one on the Demro/Pflibsen cremation lot along with the large tree removed on the east side of the cemetery. Scott volunteered to look into the expense of having those ground down and removed.

Burial Costs: It has been several years since we have changed our opening/closing costs. After discussion and comparing burial expenses at other cemeteries in the area, a motion was made by Larry, seconded by Cory to have a set \$250 fee above the amount the Association pays for the burial closing costs. Passed unanimously.

NEW BURIAL COSTS:

Cremation burial - \$400.00 (Increase Oleson's fee to \$150)

Cremation burial with concrete vault - \$750.00

Casket burial - \$900.00 (Contracted grave digger fee, \$650)

Old Business:

New Section- Corey informed the Board the Nashua-Plainfield School will be adding two retention ponds between the elementary building, the Husky Wellness center and the Jr. High/HS campuses to alleviate water issues on Greeley Street. It is estimated 100 truckloads of dirt/clay would need to be removed for this project. It would be free to the cemetery. The only expense would be to have the excavation done at the cemetery. This would happen between July 15 and August 15. Corey will continue to advocate for the cemetery, using the material to allow the proposed new section to be graded and seeded by this fall. Scott will see if Taylor would be available to help with the leveling of the dirt.

Abandoned Lots - We will meet at the cemetery in June to canvas the possible lots to be reclaimed by the Association for future burial lots.

Dogs in Cemetery: Once again the cemetery has become the local dog park. We will need to look into having the sign replaces that came missing on the cemetery gate.

Future Agenda:

Update Cemetery Bylaws

New Sexton

North hill area (Cremation burials)

Green burials?

New signs, maybe Row and Block signs?

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the cemetery at 7 pm, on Wednesday, June 16th.

Motion by Corey seconded by Chad had to adjourn meeting at 10:50.

Jerry Adelmund

Oak Hill Cemetery Association Secretary/Treasurer.

(* to be revised)

TRUSTEE TERM LIST (2 year terms)

Larry Oleson (2023)

Corey Cerwinske (2023)

Scott Cerwinske (2024)

Jerry Adelmund (2024)

Chad Nelson (2025)