

Sharp's Cemetery Board of Directors Meeting – 3/11/19

Attendees: Tom Swan, Charles Moore, Jerry Hendricks, Pam Goffinet with guests Franklin Mackie and Aimee Martin.

- **Potential new board members.** Jerry introduced Franklin Mackie and Aimee Martin who are interested in joining the board. Both hail from families who have lived in the area for generations and both have relatives buried in the cemetery. They also currently serve on the board of the Elk Creeks Preservation Society. Tom also has a potential new member which will be invited to a future meeting. The proper procedure for election to the board was unclear however and a copy of the by-laws was not readily available.
- **Lot sales.** Tom sold a lot to Brian McCandless, Center Section, Row 20, Lot 1A. He received a \$500 deposit with the balance to be paid when Brian receives his tax refund.
- **Gravesite excavation.** No response from Debbie Stork of Elkton Cemetery about their excavation policies. Pam will ask her again to send us details of their procedures.
- **Finances.** Tom received an application from Fidelity to open an account with the intent to transfer our funds. Pam deposited \$2400 from lot sales. Account balance is up by \$8000.
- **Corner stones.** With the addition of the McCandless sale we now need three sets of M stones which Tom will order. When received we will find a date to install those as well as the ones we received several months ago.
- **Tree replacement.** Pam asked Eric for an estimate to remove the remaining tress but has not received a response. Bud called Sam Brown about replacements but he was not available. We called him during the meeting but again was unable to reach him. We are looking for trees

that require little maintenance, are deer resistant, moderate height with some color.

- **Cleanup.** Christmas decorations still need to be removed as there were no appropriate days this past month. Weather looks good this week so we will plan to meet on Thursday, March 14 at 2:00. During previous cleanups we received some angry complaints about decorations that were discarded. Jerry will post a notice on the webpage with a reminder that our policy states that no decorations can impede mowing operations and that wilted flowers must be removed. Other than mailing letters, we have no mechanism to quickly inform lot owners of this or any other event. Jerry suggested we start to collect email address and cell phone numbers from lot owners and start by requesting that information during a lot sale.

Submitted by Jerry Hendricks

Next meeting on April 8, 2019