

Sharp's Cemetery Board of Directors Meeting – 5/12/20

Attendees: Virtual ZOOM meeting with perfect attendance, Tom Swan, Charles Moore, Jerry Hendricks, Aimee Martin, Franklin Mackie, Pam Goffinet, Bill Ayers and Vince Dougherty.

- **Financial report.** Tom noted that our investment account dropped by about \$10,000 during the March downturn in the market but has regained about half of that. Pam had not transferred funds from the checking account as planned and will leave things as they are for the time being. We received checks from Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Homes for \$50 for the burial of the cremation remains of Joanne Wooldridge and for \$495 from Cooper Wilbert Vault Co. for the burial of Pauline Mackie. Pam sent Eric a 1099 form for the costs of mowing. Pam received a bill from Eric for five mowings since April 5 for a total of \$1250.
- **Trimmer damage.** At our February meeting with Eric Welch, he agreed to use trimmer string no heavier than 0.09 inch due to observed damage of the older gravestones. Jerry has found several pieces of much heavier string recently though cannot be sure they are from this year. Following a discussion Tom agreed to call Eric to remind him of the string requirement and to suggest that he only mow three times a month.
- **Driveway barrier and corner stones.** Still outstanding. Aimee will follow up with her dad about the posts and Tom will order corner stones:
 - 4 M's for Mackie,
 - 4 J's for Johnston,
 - 4 G's for Graham,
 - 4 P's for Prak

Jerry will store the extra 5 D's in his garage and the L's for Long still need to be installed. Bud picked up the temporary posts and emptied the trash can.

- **Burial.** A cremation urn of Jerry's sister, Joanne Wooldridge was buried in his lot, South Section, Row 21, Lot 14 (2' south and west of the NE cornerstone, Latitude: 39° 42' 35.28" N, Longitude: 75° 52' 3.66" W). As far as know we do not know the locations of previously buried urns but Jerry will start including that info in the database. Our policy permits burial of vaults beneath urns but that would be problematic if the exact location is unknown.
- **Cemetery seminars.** Pam was recently invited to attend an online seminar dealing with how cemeteries are dealing with COVID-19 challenges presented by the Association for Gravestone Studies. Pam will send out a link to the recording of the presentation "The New Normal: The Challenges Faced by Cemetery Administrators" and for future talks planned for May 14 and 21.

Submitted by Jerry Hendricks

Next virtual meeting on June 9, 2020