

## Sharp's Cemetery Board of Directors Meeting – 2/11/20

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**Attendees:** Tom Swan, Charles Moore, Jerry Hendricks, Aimee Martin, Franklin Mackie, Pam Goffinet, Bill Ayers and Eric Welch.

- **Cremation remains.** Jerry received a call from Rob Crouch who wanted to bury cremation remains over an existing burial in the Foster lot, Center Section/ Row 10/ Lots 11 and 12, on January 20 and Jerry confirmed that it was permitted. Rob will mail the \$200 fee.
- **Trimmer damage.** Eric Welch, who will be cutting the grass in the cemetery again this year, attended the meeting. He was shown the photos of the string trimmer damage that has occurred to a number of the headstones and was encouraged to follow the recommendations in "Best Practices for Cemetery Lawn Maintenance". He agreed to use string no heavier than 0.09 inch and will only use the trimmer during every other mowing. Eric had several recommendations for the Board. He noted that some of the corner stones may be too high for him to mow over, that the vault company is leaving ruts in the grass and that the north gate should be widened by about two feet. These will be taken into consideration.
- **Driveway barrier and corner stones.** Franklin will find a date for installations and send out a notice.
- **Financial report.** Pam found out that electronic deposits are not permitted with our new checking account, but she can place deposits in the Night Deposit slot. She will send Eric a 1099 form for the \$6825 cost of mowing last year. Checking account balance is up by \$500 and Pam did not transfer \$5000 last month as planned so \$8000 will be moved to the investment account.
- **Bird houses.** Franklin received a request from a lot owner for permission to install a birdhouse. The Board denied the request referring to the

current policy that states: “No decoration will be permitted which impedes mowing or is an obstacle to trimming operations.”

- **Burial.** Pauline Mackie was buried in Center Section, Row 7, Lot 7N. The Board had previously discussed that the possibility that she may have old cemetery records from the time when her late husband Casey was President. Bud mentioned that Rob Crouch was executor of the estate, so Jerry agreed to contact Rob to see if we could look through her files.
- **Post hole digger.** Bill looked into the possibility of purchasing a post hole digger to help with installation of corner stones. The smallest size he could find had a diameter of 9 inches which is larger than we need for 6 inch square stones, plus it would be difficult to use next to existing stones so the idea was dropped.
- **Cemetery cleanup.** Tom will send out a notice in the near future for a day to clean up the leftover Christmas decorations.
- **New marker.** A memorial marker for Bill’s sister and her husband, John and Marie Shaw, was installed in the Ayers plot, South Section, Row 15, Lot 13. They are buried elsewhere.

Submitted by Jerry Hendricks

Next meeting on March 10, 2020