

## **Cemetery Meeting Minutes**

April 24, 2018

**Present:** Paul Reeves, Maryann Reeves, David Hodges, Laura Staats

### **Old Business:**

The group reviewed the handout that was given to the Township Board last fall and agreed that the old well pipe should be left intact. Paul Reeves recollection is that the pump had been pulled many years ago; but that the casing could be used for a new pump in the future if one was needed.

A quick update was give on the 4 trees that were removed from the Smyrna Cemetery, as well as the driveway extension at the Otisco Cemetery was complete. It was noted that the south drive were it was graded to blend into the new extension has a washout, as well as one in the new drive on the south side. It is the Committee's understanding that Rick Anderson will make the repairs no charge. Also noted and commented on was that the newly fallen trees in Otisco have been cleaned up.

Laura will check to see if the handouts have been placed in the information boxes at each cemetery as requested.

### **New Business:**

Laura reported that the Committee was given \$5000 in their budget this year to start the preparations for the Columbarium Project. Step one is to have the trees at the front cut down. Joe Borek said that he would do that at no charge if he could have the wood. Laura will notify him by letter that he is authorized to cut the trees on the south lot, and that should be completed by the end of May so that Rick Anderson can bulldoze the stumps and dirt piles and prepare and finish the proposed parking lot for a fee of \$3,380.00.

This leaves a difference of \$1620 in excess funds, which will be used to install Ribbon foundations over old existing graves with no markers which have been there for twenty years or more. Ribbons will have the plot and space number incised into the concrete so that the name/s associated with the space is not lost to history. Maryann Reeves and Laura will select up to nine spaces for Ribbon installation between the two cemeteries.

A brief article for the Newsletter is being prepared about the work that will be done at Smyrna Cemetery regarding the preparations for the future Columbarium.

Paul Reeves commented that it would be nice if the new list Laura has compiled from the Burial Permits for the Otisco and Smyrna Cemeteries could again be made available on the Township web site as it was in the past. It helps facilitate those doing family history research.

**Next Agenda:** Tree Removal along west property line update

Readiness at Smyrna for step two, bulldozing and parking lot.

Washout Repair in Otisco Cemetery

Ribbons

**Next Meeting: June 5, 2018 @ 9:00 am Township Hall**

Respectfully submitted  
Laura J Staats