

Cemetery Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2019

Present: Maryann Reeves, Laura Staats, Shane McDonald, David Hodges

Absent: Paul Reeves, Joe Borek, Lynda Sower

Old Business:

Damaged trees in both cemeteries. At the time of the meeting the trees had not yet been cleaned up or trimmed. Laura reported that they should be completed in the next two weeks.

Joe Borek said that he will submit a bid to the Township Board to burn the brush at Smyrna Cemetery. His burn bid will be for \$900. He has already been awarded the bid to push out the dirt piles at Smyrna for a previously submitted bid of \$900. The Cemetery Committee will ask the Township Board to set a date that they would like to see this completed by.

Once the area is leveled and the brush taken care of the Cemetery Committee will ask that bids be put out for the parking lot at the Smyrna Cemetery. The committee would like to have the parking lot installed in the spring of 2020. It will be a benefit to the residence having burials at Smyrna, and make a start on the proposed improvements planned for when the Columbarium is built in the near future. Getting bids in before the next budget is set will allow for the Township Board to make the necessary budgetary allowances for 2020.

The 'dirt pile' in Otisco, still needs to be addressed. The purpose of the dirt pile in Otisco Cemetery was to fill in sunken graves and cover exposed tree roots under the tall pines in the old part of the cemetery. This pile was created at the request of the then grounds keeper. The Board will be asked to determine what should be done with the dirt pile. This is a maintenance issue and not an improvement. The dirt would have been deposited in the Smyrna Cemetery rather than be left in Otisco Cemetery had the request not been made.

Shane McDonald will spray gravestone marker cleaner 'D2' in the Smyrna Cemetery. He will focus on the dirtier, and moss covered markers. Thank you Shane.

Maryann stopped at the home of Tony and Mary Porter, to the south of the Otisco Cemetery, to see if they might have an interest in selling the approximately 1.2 acres. They were not at home and she will try again.

There was no new business.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2019 @ 9:00 am Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Laura J Staats