

## Cemetery Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2020

**Present:** Maryann Reeves, Laura Staats, Lynda Sower,

**Absent:** Joe Borek, David Hodges, Shane McDonald, Greg Terry

### Old Business:

The D2 spray was ordered and received, Shane McDonald offered to spray the markers at the Otisco Cemetery. He was not notified that the D2 spray has arrived.

Joe Borek stated at a previous Township Board Meeting that he will request a burn permit for brush at Smyrna Cemetery. He was not present for an update.

Marker Repair, Lynda has been unable to reach the Doty's to confirm marker repair. The phone number is non-working. She has sent them a letter regarding the previous repairs that have failed.

Land owners; Porter and the Griffioen responded to the Cemetery Committee letter inquiring if they would be interested in selling some land to the Township for cemetery expansion. They will be contacted and advised that it is an agenda item for the September Board Meeting. Maryann stated that she would like to see the width of the property to the north be expanded to a minimum of 200 feet in width. This would allow for a drive along the north side of the new addition. It was noted that after looking at the recent survey completed for Otisco Cemetery that the depth of the property is 475 feet, not the number stated in the individual letters.

Maryann volunteered to call them to ask that they attend the Township Board Meeting on September 8, as well as to get answers to any questions they may have. The Cemetery Committee has asked the Township Board to discuss the land value and voice an opinion on how much land to purchase for future use.

The Cemetery Ordinance regarding Ribbon foundations will be discussed at the September Township Board Meeting. The final vote was tabled for more input from Board Members and mowing services could be heard. Cemetery Committee Members are encouraged to attend the Township Board Meeting to share their thoughts on the use of Ribbons in both Smyrna and Otisco Cemeteries.

Laura met with Joe Borek regarding the proposed fence around the perimeter of the new parking lot at Smyrna Cemetery. He has a powered posthole digger that would facilitate digging the 28 to 30 holes needed. No schedule has been set for the installation at this time.

Laura also asked about pricing for the installation of a water line from the well to the proposed ash garden. Wayne Geiger said that he would have the pump tested to see if it was viable and put a price together for the pump [if needed] and the water line.

Maryann has some 'pudding stones' that were Fred Reeves she would like to donate to put around the well to protect it. As 'pudding stones' are collectible it is

recommended that they be cemented in place. It was noted that the stones would be placed as a barrier and not stacked too close to the well pipe to inhibit servicing it.

Brush and berry bushes in the north east corner of Smyrna need to be cut back or removed. It was also noted that the north property line in Otisco has refuse in it that needs to be cleaned out.

On a last minute note, Lynda received a shipment of yellow plastic chain designated for use at the polls. However it was not required. It is the same style chain we will be using at the Smyrna Cemetery. This will reduce the cost of chain we need to purchase by about \$120.00.

**New Business:**

Trees came down during the storm the last week of August. It was noted that Supervisor Joe Daller notified Lynda that he made a call to have them cleaned up. As of Monday morning, August 31, they have been taken care of.

**Next Agenda:**

Fall Cemetery Clean-up

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020 @ 9:00 am Township Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura J Staats