

Minutes of the Oswego Township Cemetery

REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2023

The meeting of the Oswego Township Cemetery Board was called to order at 10:00 am by Secretary Hodgson. The meeting was held at 99 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery, Illinois. The pledge of allegiance to the U.S flag was given by all in attendance.

Cemetery officials in attendance in person were: Trustee Frank Carney and Secretary John Hodgson. Also present were Trustees Diane Selmer, Judy Bush and Bill Helgeson. Deputy Clerk Donna Stanley and Supervisor Joe West were also in attendance.

Public Comments: None

Secretary Hodgson presented the following bills from 3/1/23 thru 07/15/23 for approval:

Cemetery Fund (Non-Payroll)     \$ 22,711.05

Motion to approve the bills made by Trustee Carney, second by Trustee Hodgson. A roll call vote was held with all voting in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Hodgson to approve the minutes of 4-04-23 as written. Second by Trustee Carney. All board members present voted to approve the minutes of 4-04-23. Motion passed.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mark Gilmour will be calling Busted Knuckles to trim dead branches at Cowdry Cemetery.

**Old Business:**

- The Eagle Scout project is in the Fundraising stages. Hoping to begin in the fall. The entire board and Superintendent will be invited to the next meeting with the scouts. Poppy field and Boxwoods will be planted. Supervisor West and Trustee Helgeson will provide a drawing of the project to the board.
- Scatter Garden will be 2 parts. Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. Superintendent Gilmour expressed concern about finding a water source for the gardens. The board will look at addressing that issue first. Most of the fence will come down. Preliminary estimates from Shoppe are \$415,000. His fee for managing and specs and bidding process will be \$34,250 plus extras. Board discussed renaming the scatter garden, "Pearce Reflection Gardens" Bill Helgeson is working on fundraising opportunities. Preliminary drawings were discussed and explained.

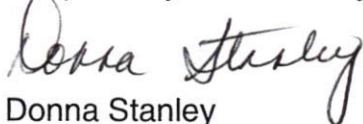
**New Business:**

- President Carney recommended a trash can be placed at the north gate of Pearce. Trash is being thrown around. Superintendent Gilmour will purchase.
- The Cemetery will also purchase trees to replace ones taken down at Pearce Cemetery.
- Trustee Hodgson nominated Frank Carney for Cemetery President. Seconded by Trustee Carney. All voted in favor.
- Bill Helgeson will be the Township Board liaison to the Cemetery Board.

There was no reason to go into closed session.

With no further business coming before the Board, Motion to adjourn by Trustee Hodgson, seconded by President Carney. All voted in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Donna Stanley

Township Deputy Clerk