

City of Hancock

Cemetery Board of Trustees Meeting

April 14, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Members Present Using Zoom Video: Betty Boxer Toutant, Carol Carli, Mary Pekkala, Paul Nelson, Sexton Steve Belo, City Clerk Mary Babcock

Items Discussed:

- Minutes of Oct 8, 2019 meeting will be approved at the July 2020 meeting.
- During Oct 2019 meeting we discussed asking local funeral directors, Neil Ahola and Mark Dennis to attend one of our meetings to address issues related to green burials and use of the vault. We will discuss this again in July.
- Question of trees being planted in memory of people at cemetery has to be on a case by case basis taking into consideration size and placement.
- Discussion of purchasing cemetery software resulted in a unanimous vote in favor of purchasing it. The extensive work Mary Pekkala did in identifying graves for Hancock's website will be integrated into the software. The software should make more information available to the general public.
- Discussion of the rates Lakeview Cemetery charges in comparison to Houghton and Calumet was discussed. Betty investigated this a few of years ago and will recheck with them to see if their rates

have been adjusted or are the same. We will discuss this again at our July meeting to see if we should adjust our rates.

- Sexton Steve said he thought the cemetery would open this year at the end of April or early May depending on the COVID-19 shut down guidelines and the snow conditions. A Hancock DPW worker has installed a padlock on the cemetery gate to deter snowmobilers and four wheelers from entering the cemetery. Steve is working on setting up his helpers for the summer. A port-a-potty will be placed at the cemetery again this summer.
- A resident questioned whether we'd be installing a columbarium at Lakeside Cemetery. Currently Gloria Dei Church in Hancock has one and Resurrection is considering one. Mary Pekkala volunteered to look into the issue.
- Our next meeting will be on July 14, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

Carol Carli, Member