

# Cemetery Trustees Approved Minutes June 26, 2013

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Cemetery Trustee Meeting (Site walk) – June 26, 2013  
Old Town Graveyard & Riverside Cemetery

Present: Rich Alperin, Victoria Bram, Ed Pelczar, Mike Pelczar, Mike Provost

Site walk and meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees walked the Old Town Graveyard to see what needed to be worked on, so that a priority list could be created. Two metal lot boundary posts were down. The Pelczar's will get some cement and upright the post's before they disappear. There are still a number of stones that are broke and appeared to be repairable. Ed gave Rich Kai's book with pictures of stones he worked on, so that Rich could compare it to the work that still needs to be done. The Trustees need to contact Public Works about trimming some low hanging branches to make mowing easier, and filling in some holes the animals have dug. An obelisk needs to be straightened before it falls. We need to check the Graveyard map to verify the location of a stone that is down, to make sure it is in the proper location.

The Trustees then traveled to Riverside Cemetery. Ed Pelczar discussed a meeting he had with Mr. & Mrs. William Walker and an email from Mr. Walker regarding taking down three pine trees in the lower part of the cemetery. The tree roots are near the surface and he feels that they are drying out the grass in the area near his family lot, which is not far from the trees. He wants to possibly re-turf the lot but will not do so unless the trees are removed. The tree roots have also grown under the asphalt which is very near them and caused the asphalt to heave. Originally only one of the three trees was requested to be removed, but if one is taken down the other two must also go because the trees are so close to one another that they only have branches on the outer sides. Before the meeting, Rick Malasky was asked his opinion and he did not have a problem with removing the three trees but has no money in his budget, so the Cemetery Trustees will have to find the funds, if the work is to be done. It was decided that we would get three bids for the work and then see what we are looking at for dollars. The quotes are to include taking down the three trees and grinding the stumps and a fourth stump in the immediate area. Ed will write to the Walker's and let them know what we are doing. The discussion is to be continued at the next meeting.

The Trustees then walked across the cemetery to the Tremblay lot along the river. Ed read an email he received from the Tremblay's regarding the lack of top soil in the area and turtles laying their eggs in the spring and desecrating the graves where the eggs are buried. The Tremblay's have placed new sod on their lot. They want top soil, reseeding and fertilizing in the surrounding area. Due to the flooding several years ago the top soil that was there was washed away. Unfortunately the Cemetery Trustees do not have enough funds available to put down new top soil in the entire area, and then reseed and fertilize the area. All the flush markers already located there would also need to be raised. Ed mentioned that someone else in the area had asked him several months ago about what could be done about the lack of grass. The turtle issue was also discussed. The cemetery is located in a natural area next to the water, where there are turtles. They do come onshore in the spring to dig a hole in which to lay their eggs. Other animals come there to dig up the eggs for food. It appears that where there are solar lights there does not seem to be an issue, so maybe solar lights might help the problem. Victoria volunteered to do some research on the problem. Possibly there is some type of natural deterrent that could discourage the turtles from the area. Mr. Tremblay also offered to research this possibility. Ed will write to the Tremblay's. The discussion will continue at our next meeting.

The election of offices was held and it was voted to keep the same slate of officers: Ed Pelczar, Chair; Rich Alperin, Vice-Chair; Mike Pelczar, Secretary; Mike Provost, Bookkeeper.

There was a discussion among the Trustees if we would be placing a request for funds in the 2014-2015 budget year. The feeling was that yes we should put in a request. No dollar amount was voted. We will vote on this at the next meeting.

Ed reported that he talked with Matt in the Finance Office about the funding for the yearly care of Riverside Cemetery. Matt felt that it was decided the Town would do this for two years, and would then revert back to the Trustees of Trust

Funds. Ed was told to talk with the Town Administrator about this and see what his opinion was.

Victoria presented copies of the new Rules and Regulations for Riverside Cemetery. They were very nicely done. The Trustees had added a regulation but had never revised or reprinted the Regulations. We are considering this a first reading at this meeting. We will discuss the Regulations at our next meeting, and vote on them at the following meeting.

Voted to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting, as written.

Cemetery Trustee terms are as follows:

Edward Pelczar - term ending March 2014

Michael Pelczar – term ending March 2015

Richard Alperin – term ending March 2015

Michael Provost - term ending March 2016

Victoria Bram - term ending March 2016

Next meeting date was not decided. We need to get the three quotes in and then will decide on a meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Pelczar