

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
LAKE FOREST CEMETERY BOARD

MINUTES

July 12, 2021

Members Present: Cynthia Crane, Ron Streng, Kathryn Roberts

Guests present: Mayor Bob Monetza, Derek Gajdos-Public Works Director, Todd Brand-Facilities and Grounds Manager, Judy Brower-Cemetery Administrative Assistant, Jeanette Weider-Loutit Library, Jeff Wierenga, Ross Walhout, Veronica Blough, Arthur Blough, Jim Porenta

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Ron Streng.

The Minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

- Vote on the request from Christine Bouwkamp for the 60" by 29" granite marker in block 56, lot 77, grave 2 for Scarbrough. Moved by Crane and supported by Streng to accept. The motion passed 3-0.
- Vote on flush marker request from Kathleen Morgan for block 44, lot 171, grave 4. This would be an additional marker on the grave for her brother and sister-in-law. Moved by Crane and supported by Streng. The motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consideration of a request from Arthur & Veronica Blough for a single mausoleum in block 55 (lots 3&4 or 6&13 or 21&29) similar to the one already located in block 56. The Bloughs are aware multiple lots would have to be purchased and an appropriate location selected per cemetery Board and City Staff approval.

The Board discussed the proposal and tabled the request until further details can be worked out. Concerns regarding utilizing multiple lots for less burials was one issue the board discussed at length.

- Consideration of a request by Susie Lanoue for a location near the scatter wall to be used for people to place sentimental items for their loved ones. Possibly a large urn that everyone could use. She is open to suggestions.

City staff reminded the Board that this area was very cluttered at one time and we had several complaints from people.

The Board discussed the proposal and tabled the request for further consideration.

- Request to install a plaque for Howard Bowen Jr. and Barbara Bowen can be recognized as being buried once cremated. (see attached email and picture as an example)

The Board discussed the proposal and tabled the request. Board members agreed that a revision of the rules and regulations is needed for multiple burials in one plot and the difficulties families are having adding members to existing monuments after the fact.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Jeanette Weider from the Loutit Library addressed the Board about the possibility of hosting a self-guided tour in the cemetery. The tour would utilize yard signs with QR codes and would be for a week or less in October. The Board was enthused and directed Ms. Weider to return with a formal request with appropriate details.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Crane and supported by Streng at 3:47 PM. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9 at 3:00 PM.