

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
LAKE FOREST CEMETERY BOARD

MINUTES

August 9, 2021

Members Present: Cynthia Crane, Ron Streng, Kathryn Roberts

Guests present: Derek Gajdos-Public Works Director, Todd Brand-Facilities and Grounds Manager, Judy Brower-Cemetery Administrative Assistant, Cristine Bouwkamp, Deborah Lamb-Babcock, Steven Kirtley, Dean Meyering, Jim Porenta

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

The Minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting were accepted.

**OLD 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.
  - A motion by Streng and second by Crane to allow the mausoleum in block 55 section 6 lots 3&4 and section 12 lots 3&4 or section 29 lots 4&5 and section 38 lots 4&5. Motion carried 3-0.
- 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. No motion was made to support the request. The request will be removed from consideration until Ms. Lanoue provides further details to the Board for the request.
- Request to install a plaque for Howard Bowen Jr. and Barbara Bowen can be recognized as being buried once cremated.
  - The request was tabled while awaiting additional information on a possible solution that includes adding an additional base stone which numerous names could be added. This may need a height variance once fully vetted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Consideration to place an oversized family monument in block 55. The family is prepared to purchase 8 lots and the proposed monument will take up two lots.

The Board discussed the request and reviewed the proposed monument. The Board tabled the request until each member can make a site visit to the proposed location and review any issues the proposed monument may cause.

- Consideration of a request to move a baby stone, currently in block 38 to block 17 and place it next to the family marker.
  - A motion to allow the baby marker to be placed appropriately near the family marker was made by Crane and supported by Roberts. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

A request to turn the Board table parallel to the audience so the Board can be seen and heard was requested by Mr. Porenta.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Streng and supported by Crane at 3:37 PM. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 3:00 PM.