

Cemetery Committee

Meeting Minutes

Conway Township, Michigan

May 24, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Cindy Dickerson
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call conducted by Kim Jolliff, Secretary
  - a. Attendees: Nickie Tomlin, Kim Jolliff, Cindy Dickerson, Nancy Glover
  - b. Absent: Barb Thumudo, Dennis Graham, Deb Grubb
4. Nancy Glover motioned to approve agenda, Nickie Tomlin supported. Approved by all.
5. Cindy Dickerson motioned to approve April 2016 Meeting Minutes, Nancy Glover supported. Approved by all.
6. Adopt a Stone Fundraiser:
  - a. Cindy Dickerson will create a form to keep track and recording of donations for Adopt A Stone payments.
  - b. Started working on a list and color coding of veteran's names.
7. Dawn Patrol:
  - a. Information from Paul Harmon per Cindy Dickerson
    - i. Using golf balls, Paul will provide
    - ii. Dennis Bowdoin has roping for drop area. Boy Scouts will rope off area the night before event.
    - iii. Announcements will be made by the use of a blow horn to stay out of the area until winners are determined
    - iv. There will be 1 ball drop and only 500 tickets sold
    - v. Priority to get raffle tickets by July 1st
    - vi. Paul ok with making up goody bags for children participating in the collection of the golf balls
    - vii. The Vietnam Moving Wall arrives the day before (Saturday). It will be escorted by police and veterans motorcycle group. There may be news coverage of the event by Channel 2 news from Detroit and a Lansing station. Nickie inquired about who is the sponsor of the wall and do they have a website.
    - viii. The wall will be placed in the hanger. Our committee table will be set up by the hanger during the Dawn Patrol.
    - ix. We need to work on donation containers for the table:
      1. Options: Need to determine if a separate container for veteran donations or a percentage of total donations appropriated to veteran's headstone repairs.
    - x. Cindy to contact Kathy about writing an article regarding the upcoming Dawn Patrol and our collaboration with the event.
8. Cemetery Ordinance update:
  - a. Received the updated ordinance from the lawyer
  - b. Tabled the review of the ordinance until the June meeting
9. Cemetery Committee By-Laws Review
  - a. Upon review, there are a few questions that need to go back to lawyer
  - b. Follow-up next meeting
10. Antrim Cemetery Survey update:
  - a. Table for next meeting
11. Benjamin Stone Repair:

- a. Cindy to talk to Kathy about putting an article together with list of selected stones for repair, in the Fowlerville News and Views.
  - b. We must make reasonable efforts to contact owners and/or families regarding the stones for repair. Option is to place notices in the newspaper.
  - c. Dave Carter waiting on repairs because the night air needs to be above 50 degrees for repairs to happen.
  - d. Flags and holders may be less money through the Veteran's Administration. Can be ordered through the Howell VFW. \*Update since meeting: Nickie made contact with Butch Ogden from the VFW and they will provide flags and medal flag medallions for veteran headstones at no charge.
12. Other Business:
- a. Still need to compile veterans list for Antrim and Coughran Cemeteries
  - b. Township Board approved updated burial pricing
  - c. Confirm that update to Master Plan includes cremains burials
  - d. Nancy Glover may try to attend cemetery stone repair train hosted by the Brighton Historical Society
  - e. Thinking to the future...A Veterans Memorial and plaque listing past Township Elected Officials possibly at the property site next to the Miller Cemetery on Stow Road. Question raised if there are grants available to develop a community park on the site.
13. Call to the Public – no one in attendance
14. Working Saturday Dates:
- a. June 4<sup>th</sup> – Work and train with Dave Carter in Benjamin Cemetery
  - b. June –June 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12 pm at Antrim Cemetery-hedge rows need to be cleared
  - c. July – July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 12 pm location TBD
15. Committee Meeting Dates:
- a. June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 pm
  - b. July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 pm
16. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm, Nancy Glover motions, Nickie Tomlin moves and support, approved by all.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kim Jolliff, Secretary

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