

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HILLSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, AT 6:30 PM.
COLUMBUS COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting of Hillside Cemetery was called to order by President John Marks at 6:30 pm. at the Columbus Community Center on Monday, June 12, 2023.

Roll Call:

Present: John Marks, President, Dave Roelke, Elizabeth Altschwager, Clara Sennhenn, Shirley Banetske, Evelyn McNulty, Jim Klutzman, Deb Moungey, Vicki Schulze.

Advisory:

Robert Link was absent with an excuse.

Joyce Shepard in attendance.

Absent:

Bonnie Schoenherr and Ian Gray city liaison.

Visitor:

Shane Dynes was in attendance as a lot owner and guest..

Minutes of February 28,2023.

Minutes accepted without changes or corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report accepted without changes or corrections.

Old Business:

Security cameras were discussed for the cemetery office and chapel areas. Since there were no estimates, the discussion is postponed for the next regular meeting.

Road repair of the top section of road from the office to the beginning of section P and the removal of old center road next to this one was brought up. Since there was only one estimate it was suggested to get more before a decision was made. The discussion was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Monument repair to remove bases of those sliding off next to the office building. Pechman Memorials was contacted but had not been able to give an estimate before the meeting. This has also been postponed until the next regular meeting and other companies will be asked for estimates.

Re-doing of the By-Laws 1st proposal. An example of the by-law corrections was given to every member in attendance to take home and review. There will be a special meeting on Monday, August 21st, 2023, to correct and take a vote on acceptance or to change what is necessary.

New Business:

Chapel repair and painting was discussed. Some of it is peeling and some of it has holes in the wood from birds. Jim Klutzman made a motion to get estimates of repairs and present it to the city before more damage is done. Shirley Banetske 2nd it. Motion carried.

John Marks gave a report of the work that Burke Center had done in March for the cemetery. 39 grave headstones were reset and aligned in the older section in the partial week that they were there. Burke Center is scheduled for more repairs in September and October of this year.

Some Advisors and Board members were reminded that their terms were coming up. Those present expressed the wish to stay on. Bonnie Schoenherr was called and is relinquishing her position.

Ian Gray was absent again and John Marks will discuss this with Mayor Joseph Hammer.

The next item was a discussion of the cemetery office which is now being used by DPW for a break room, even when it is used by the Secretary and members of the public looking for purchases or using the rest room. The question remains as to if it can be fathered in as an office for the cemetery since it was once used as that. It was brought to the Cemetery's attention that the DPW is leaving all the doors open and people are walking into the office and going into the files. We need to ask DPW to keep doors closed and locked when not in the office building.

Dave Roelke made a motion to see what it would cost to renovate the building for an office with WIFI, computer, ADA compatibility, if necessary, (even though it is used as is now for the DPW and the public.) for Hillside Cemetery Association. Jim Klutzman 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

A report was given about the dead trees and the brush that needs to be removed. DPW removed one branch that could have caused a great deal of damage to the monuments had it fallen. There are others that need to be worked on. John Marks will discuss with City Hall.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shirley Banetske and 2nd by Dave Roelke.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.