

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
22 Dodge Rd
Oct 15, 2020
1:00 pm ZOOM

In attendance: Marie Grella, Cynthia Dokmo, Perry Day, Sexton and Eric Hahn

Meeting called to order at 1:10

Citizen Forum: No citizens present

Minutes: Cynthia makes a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2020 minutes as presented, Maria seconds all in favor motion passes.

Forestview Cemetery Plans: Marie received answer from Christopher Drescher, Esq. to the Trustees questions pertaining to uses for the Forestview Below is his response;
“You had an inquiry as to whether a section of the Forest View Cemetery could be ‘repurposed’ as a recreational field.

The only route that could be taken to make such an alteration to the property is to, essentially, have the Town *buy* it. All proceeds would, of course, have to go back to the Trustees for cemetery related use.

Or, alternatively, some kind of ‘value’ must be given in return, meaning, it does not have to cash, *per se*, but something in return must go back to the Trustees in exchange for said repurposing.

A ***Petition for Cy Pres*** would not work. Specifically, if you were to repurpose a section of the property through a ***Cy Pres Petition***, a recreational field would likely be too far from the intended purpose of a cemetery.

Cy Pres = “*as near as possible to the testator's or donor's intentions when these cannot be precisely followed.*” Thus, the purpose of a recreational field is not in the same ‘ballpark’ (*no pun intended*) to the purpose of a cemetery. Indeed, it would be difficult case to convince the AG’s office and, moreover, the Court, otherwise.”

This will be discussed at the meeting in November.

Marie had also checked into landscape design companies and will also be discussed in the November meeting.

The irrigation design for the Forestview is available at the DPW office, Cynthia and Lisa will pick up a copy and this will be discussed in the November meeting.

New Business: The Trustees have a request for a different style of headstone, in the shape of a sundial. It meets the size requirement therefore it is approved.

The gate at Sunset has been closed. This gate is intended for a maintenance or emergency entrance and will remain closed and locked. The portion of the fence that was knocked down by the snow will be fixed.

Marie makes a motion to adjourn at 1:28pm, seconded by Cynthia, meeting is adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 19 at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Delisle