

Lincoln Cemetery Commission Minutes – March 15, 2022

The Lincoln Cemetery Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 10:08 a.m. at Town Offices. Present: Rob Todd, Chair, Manley Boyce, Commissioner, Doug Harding, Commissioner, and Valerie Fox, Cemetery agent. Cara Maroney, Assistant Town Clerk, was present also.

1. The Commissioners discussed the monument for Sandra Ruland and the accommodations for an upright stone. The upright stone was approved with the measurements of 36 x 36 inches.
2. The Commissioners agreed to deny Cathy Newcomb's request for a boulder monument because it is not permitted in the flat marker section of the cemetery.
3. The Commissioners discussed the cost of a disinterment and agreed a full burial disinterment is \$1500. Rob expressed the Cemetery brochure does not specify a disinterment price for cremains. Doug proposed a cost is established for cremated remains versus a full burial. The cost of a disinterment for cremains was discussed and will be determined at the next meeting.
4. Manley agreed to help the DPW in assisting the disinterment for the two cremains. Manley added once the cremains have been removed the lot owner is not permitted to purchase and move the cremains to another lot in Lincoln Cemetery.
5. The future of the caretaker position and the job requirements were discussed. The Commissioners will consider the best possible options for meeting the needs of the Cemetery.
6. Valerie informed the Commissioners that the mowing contract must go to bid. Manley proposed the idea of a full time or seasonal employee dedicated to maintaining the property.
7. Manley expressed the Fernway section is open and ready for plots to be purchased. Manley discussed outlining the section for green burials in Juniper Way.
8. Rob stated that the canvas cover for the statue is ready to be removed for the season. Rob expressed the map holder is damaged and needs to be replaced. Rob communicated that the takeaway map needs to be updated to reflect the new sections of the cemetery.
9. Doug stated that the Commissioners should hire a contractor to renovate the wooden gate that is damaged.
10. The Commissioners confirmed that there are two full lots on hold in the Sisters of Bethany section and will continue to be reserved.
11. Doug expressed that all markers and monuments must be approved by the Cemetery Commission and the Commissioners agreed.
12. The Commissioners discussed the Cemetery Policies and Regulations. Manley provided specific policies and regulations that the Commission would like to review regarding markers, dimensions, and sale of lots. Doug expressed that the need to add a policy to new regulations regarding green burials. Rob voiced the importance of creating policies for the cemetery expansion.
13. The Commissioners discussed the policies regarding flat markers and requirements for lot sales. The Commissioners agreed that any changes to policies and regulations will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Maroney