GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2022, 3:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Ilyo McCray, Chair, at 3:38 p.m.

Commissioners present: Lucille Campbell, Valerie Hunter, Sue Lawrence, Ilyo McCray, Jane Pomykala.

Guests: None

Additions to agenda: none

Jane noted that in the minutes of August 16, 2022 the word “be’ needed to be added to “notification must sent” to read “notification must be sent”. Val moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Jane seconded, all in favor.

Financial report:

Notification was received that the stocks managed by Peoples’ Securities are now managed by LPL Financials because Peoples’ United Bank was sold to M & T Bank.

Bills received:

$2,876.12 – Ronnie Bushway lawn care

$33.76 and $13.99 – Robinson Hardware

$75 and $125 – Wade Lawrence – caretaker

$700 – Pepin – 4 sets of cornerstones (16 stones)

Val reported that Champlain Monuments has finished the work planned for this year in the Grand Isle Cemetery, Macomber Cemetery and the boulder at Quaker Cemetery. Per Jeff Pignona the cost of repair work on one additional stone in Section A was swapped for the cost of 5 stones in Section B which were supposed to be cleaned, but were missed. Sue will pay the invoice for $4125 as quoted.

Lucille reported that lichen has been removed from the Quaker boulder and that Macomber Cemetery looks great after the cleaning and straightening of stones. Mulch is needed to cover bare ground caused by digging to straighten stones in Macomber. Rain is splashing mud onto the newly cleaned stones. Jane will check the wood chip pile at Pomykala Farm to determine if those chips can be used for the mulch. Jane mentioned that the fence at Quaker needs to be cleaned. Lucille said the descriptive sign at Quaker also needs to be washed.

Sue reported one burial and no lots sold.

Sue contacted David Powell concerning the lot the Cemetery Commission would allow him in exchange for the land donation. David Powell asked for 2 lots: one to be used for Kristy Wheel’s burial and one unassigned. Sue sent David Powell a deed for a double (8’ x 10’) lot in Section I, south side near the apple tree, on the land he donated. She sent a permission form for him to sign giving permission to bury Kristy Wheel in one of his 4’ x 10’ lots.

Val moved to rescind the motion of August 16, 2022 giving David Powell one 3 ½’ x 10’ lot in exchange for the donation of land. Lucille seconded, passed with all in favor.

Sue moved to give David Powell one 8’x10’ lot in Section I (Lot 1) in exchange for land donated. Val seconded. All in favor.

Warren Robenstein met with Sue and presented the quote for the survey and pinning of lots in the remainder of Section H and in Section I west as far as the driveway. He will survey, establish control lines, pin, do the office work and provide a mylar map for $8,325. This will mark 558 double grave lots, with Section H lots being 7’ x 10’, and Section I lots being 8’ x 10’.

Val moves to approve Warren Robenstein’s quote of $8,325 for the survey and pinning work. Sue seconded. Passed unanimously.

Reviewed the current full version of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations for changes and/or additions. Lucille will send revised Rules to the Commissioners before a vote at the October meeting. Consensus was that the full version, rather than the concise version, of the Rules and Regulations should be given to everyone who purchases a cemetery lot.

Letter to funeral directors, crematoriums, monument companies is tabled until the October meeting.

Lucille reported that if stainless steel lot markers are used to indicate old lots with no cornerstones, Lynch Supply can provide letters on a disc at a charge of 25 cents per letter plus 22 cents marking charge per disc. This is in addition to $8.10 for each disc with pin.

General information was tabled to a future meeting.

Very brief discussion on FY 2023-24 budget. Consensus was to table the budget until the October meeting.

Lucille moved to adjourn, Val seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next meeting October 11, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary