

RIDGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2019

ROLL CALL PRESENT: NORMA JEANNE MCGILICK
JIM MANHART
KIM KOSKI
KIM BEAM
SHANE WIMER
JEFF HIVELY
KEVIN BLOEMKER
JOANNE THIETJE
SUSAN JACOBUS

ABSENT: DIAN HILLIS
NICK LAMME
PAUL MARSH

The Ridge Cemetery Association Board met on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at noon at the City Auditorium Meeting Room, Jim Manhart, Board Member, presiding. Public Meeting notice was placed and posted in the paper by Kim Koski.

The minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting were emailed to everyone and copies were provided. Kim Beam stated that she has filed the 990-N online for the last 5 years. Kim Koski said she also filed this year as she received the noticed. Kim Beam made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joanne Thietje. Jim Manhart. Norma Jeanne, Joanne and Kim voted yes to approve the minutes.

Norma Jeanne presented the Treasurer's Report. As of June 12, 2019, the Ridge Cemetery Association Bank balance was \$14,878.41. A \$1,000 donation was received along with interest. There was no motion to approve but noted that report will be filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Boy Scout Headstone Straightening Project: Jeff spoke with Yogi Martin and it does not look promising unless someone wants to earn an Eagle Badge. Troop members either have jobs or not available as a group to work on this project. Other suggestions were individuals that need community service hours and St. Patrick's summer program where a group comes in to do repairs and other projects around town.

Kevin asked about the Lutheran Orphanage area and if it was taken care of. Individuals came out and cleaned it up.

Kevin Bloemker noted that Kim Koski has been a big help with Keno Grant and the process we need to follow with getting bids. Deadline for bids is July 5, 2019. Kevin provided pictures of the dangerous monuments that need re-setting or re-leveling which the grant can be used for. Kevin has a map and has staked these monuments. This money should cover the repair of 10-15 monuments.

Research for cemetery directory. Kim Beam passed around the proposal from Windy Prairie Systems, Inc. but suggested that we pursue an online directory through the City's website for looking up grave locations. Kim Koski stated she has spoken to the IT Department, however, there have been other priorities, and nothing confirmed yet. There are also apps that are available, however, we must supply that information. Jeff stated that he is available to help individuals locate graves and does quite a few over the phone and thru email.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers was postponed until the September meeting.

Kim Beam announced that we will be part of The Big Give in May 2020.

Kim Beam mentioned that with the flooding in our town, that instead of tearing down the cemetery house, the City should consider donating and letting someone move this house. Jeff stated that they investigated this before and it wasn't possible. Kim Beam stated that she moved her house in and a few years ago 6 homes were moved by the airport down our street at night. Left this for the City to decide, should this project be back in the budget in the future.

Jeff stated that the removal of flowers this year was complaint free and most likely due to his nice big sign as you came into the cemetery. Kim Beam mentioned it was a shame to see a dump truck full of recently purchased flowers cluttering up the landfill especially after seeing all the debris from the flood that was dumped at Whiz's parking lot. No solution as to doing anything different as every cemetery in the world probably does the same thing.

JEFF HIVELY REPORT

Jeff Hively reported there were 12 funerals, 6 full and 6 ashes. Grave sales were 1 – 10' grave and 4 – 8' graves.

Since last meeting crab grass pre-emergent was applied. Jeff is really pleased with the new irrigation system. Still have mole issues and unfortunately that will continue. They like our sandy soil.

Still an issue with the rottweiler dogs running loose. Shane will give Kim Beam some advice on how to handle this.

Everyone commented that the cemetery looks nice. We appreciate all the work that Jeff and his crew provides.

KIM KOSKI REPORT

Kim continues to work on the 2-year budget and capital improvements. They have submitted for a new roof for the shop.

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Jim Manhart and seconded by Norma Jeanne. Jim, Norma Jeanne, Joanne and Kim approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Location to be advised as the auditorium will be under construction.

Submitted by,

Kim Beam
Secretary