

Staff present: April Holm, DPW Office Manager, and Ryan Martinac - Cemetery.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Scanlon was absent.

Present: Dr. Stephen Piereson, Christine Moffat, Tracy Magnuson and John Carlson (4). Absent: Karen Kasper.

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at the Ishpeming Cemetery. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Member Piereson.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Member Moffat, supported by Member Carlson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 15, 2021 as presented.

COLUMBARIUM

Ryan Martinac received a sample board of fake grass from Carpet One to show to everyone along with the price quotes that we received. John Carlson made a motion to approve ordering the Carmel Bay sample for use at the columbariums. The motion was seconded by Tracy Magnuson with unanimous support.

They wanted cemetery staff to discuss with the City Manager on the possibility of being able to purchase the materials to keep the maintenance low and the area looking nice.

Discussed the etching of the new columbarium Rest In Peace. Pat Gingrass was contacted and he said that he will begin the etching process sometime in the middle of May. Pat Gingrass has not yet completed the etching so the Cemetery staff will reach out to him again to get a date when the etching will be completed.

Discussion on the spot where the new columbarium was discussed. Tracy Magnuson made a motion that the new columbarium once ordered would be placed directly behind the Lamb of God columbarium with support from John Carlson. The motion was passed unanimously.

CEMETERY BENCHES

The bench ordinance was discussed again and the board decided that until we receive a formal request from a resident the no bench ordinance would stand. If a request is made they would like for the topic to be placed back on the agenda for future discussion and possibly make a request to the City Council to change the ordinance.

POLICE PRESENCE

We discussed the random vehicle situation with Chief Snowaert. He said that he would make a request to have his officers do a sweep of the cemetery on each shift to show a police presence at the Cemetery.

CEMETERY REPORT

Ryan Martinac went over the Cemetery Report for 2021. He discussed that we were getting very busy with burials that were on hold because of COVID 19.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - None**NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

The next meeting will be held July 19, 2021, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:00 p.m., a motion was made by Member Carlson with support from Member Magnuson to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm
Recording Secretary