

Staff present: April Holm, DPW Office Manager, Kaleb Rundman, - Cemetery, Craig Cugini – City Manager.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Scanlon was absent.

Present: Dr. Stephen Piereson, Christine Moffat, Tracy Magnuson and Karen Kasper (4). 1 vacant seat.

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. 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 Magnuson, supported by Member Kasper and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021 as presented.

COLUMBARIUM

The walk ways and sod around the columbarium has been completed.

April Holm discussed that the etching for Rest In Peace columbarium has still not been finished. Republic Memorials let us know that the etching would be done the week of 9/20/2021.

Kaleb discussed the issue of the markers that are placed in front of the columbarium. The markers are blocking the names on the bottom row and is also very hard to maintain with the growing grass. As of now the students have to take a picture and then pull them out and then weed whip the grass. Once that is done, they have to consult the picture in order to place the decorations in the correct spaces. The Board discussed possibly moving all of the markers to the sides of the columbarium to keep the name plates visible. If there are any complaints the issue will be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting.

CEMETERY REPORT

Ryan Martinac went over the Cemetery Report for 2021. He discussed that we continue to be extremely busy with burials this summer.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

April Holm let everyone know that John Carlson stepped down off the board. We are now looking for someone to fill the vacancy.

Member Kasper said that all of her tours were a success but the weather did not cooperate like she wanted.

Craig Cugini let the board know that he has a company working on getting a CAD layout and coordinates for the lots in the Cemetery.

He also brought up the issue of perpetual care and that the fund is not doing very well. He asked if the Board wanted to help make the decisions on where to invest the money. The Board was not interested in being involved in the investment options but would like to be made aware of how the perpetual care fund is doing.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting will be held January 17, 2022, at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:32 p.m., a motion was made by Member Kasper with support from Member Moffatt to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm
Recording Secretary