

Staff present: April Holm, DPW Office Manager, Bill Anderson – DPW General Foreman.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Scanlon was absent.

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

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:05p.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 18, 2022 as presented.

### **TREES IN CEMETERY**

Many of the trees in the Cemetery are very large and have dead branches that staff are unable to safely eliminate. There are also dead trees that need to be addressed. The city would like to possibly get an arborist to come in and give some recommendations for eliminating and/or trimming the dead branches off some of the trees in the Cemetery.

A motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper to get an arborist to take a look at the trees in the Cemetery and give recommendations on which trees need to come down and which ones we can be trimmed without harm to the tree. Once the arborist makes their recommendation we can contact either a logging company or tree service to see if it is possible to do the needed work with in kind service. The company would take care of the trees and they could keep the lumber. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **CEMETERY RATES/TRANSFER FEES**

A motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper to present to the City Council a fee increase for the transferring of cemetery lots to non-residents from \$50 per lot to \$500 per lot space or \$1000 per niche. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A second motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper that instructed Bill Anderson to meet with the City Attorney to discuss the legality of eliminating the transferring of Cemetery lots completely. Pending approval from the City Attorney they would like the City Council to vote on eliminating Cemetery lot transfers. The vote was carried unanimously.

### **NEW COLUMBARIUM**

The board decided to table the discussion on the future site of additional columbariums. They would like this item on the next agenda with a map provided by the Cemetery on new proposed sites for their approval.

The Cemetery would like to start the process of obtaining a new columbarium since there are not many niches left available for sale. A motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper to go out for bids on the potential purchase of a new columbarium. The vote was carried unanimously.

**CEMETERY REPORT**

Bill Anderson presented the year-to-date cemetery report as presented in the packet.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Karen Kasper let everyone know that she will be doing a Cemetery tour with the Senior Center on October 18.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

The next meeting will be held January 16, 2023, at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:52 p.m., a motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Kasper to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm  
Recording Secretary