

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Member Magnuson.

Staff present: April Holm-DPW, Bill Anderson-DPW General Foreman, and Kaleb Rundman-Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks, Craig Cugini-City Manager. Council Liaison: Councilmember Scanlon was absent.

Present: Tracy Magnuson, Christine Moffat, Jim Bertucci, Dr. Stephen Piereson, and Karen Kasper (5). Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Member Bertucci, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 15, 2023 as presented.

CEMETERY GIS UPDATE AND DEMO

Ken Kaiser with Tri Media Consultants attended the Cemetery Meeting to give the board a demonstration on their progress mapping out the Cemetery and what it would look like. They have been able to survey a large portion of the cemetery. Tri Media has students from NMU doing most of the onsite work at the Cemetery. He was able to give a demonstration on how it worked and how helpful it will be for residents locating loved ones.

Jim Bertucci made a motion to recommend to council to approve years 3,4, and 5 of the GIS Cemetery project with support from Tracy Magnuson. The motion was carried unanimously.

FENCE QUOTE

Kaleb Rundman – Assistant Foreman Cemetery/Parks presented to the board a quote that he received from Marquette Fence to replace damaged fencing around the Cemetery. The quote was for \$9046. Marquette Fence was the only quote received because they are the only company in the area that does that type of work.

A motion was made by Tracy Magnuson with support from Jim Bertucci to recommend to council that to accept the quote from Marquette Fence to repair and replace some lengths of the cemetery fence; as they are the only company in the area to do this type of work. The motion was passed unanimously.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The city received an additional quote for a new columbarium from Menominee Granite. The structure would be a different size than the existing ones. Niches would be a little bit smaller but there would be more of them. Also, for this type of granite they recommend engraving the names and dates on the doors instead of the bronze markers. The installation of the bronze markers would be more time consuming and costly. The quote was approximately \$23,500. The pricing is not guaranteed until the order is placed because of the fluid cost of granite in the market.

The cemetery only has 5 niches left and it was recommended to potentially purchase 2 because of their popularity and the amount of time it takes us to secure a new one. Also, there is potential that we may get a price break if we purchase 2.

Bjork and Zhulkie notified the Cemetery that they had another company that was potentially interested in submitting a quote for a new columbarium as well. The quote was not submitted in time for the meeting.

Tracy Magnuson made a motion with support from Karen Kasper to recommend \$50,000 be allocated in the 2024 budget to purchase 2 columbariums and recommending cemetery staff to obtain quotes since construction could take up to 12 months. The vote was carried unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr Stephen Pieresen would potentially like to see a larger more prominent sign at the entrances of the Cemetery that would say "No Pets Allowed." He has had many people approach him about dogs being walked in the Cemetery. Tracy suggested that we laminate a few larger signs and place them out there to see if that would deter people from bringing their pets into the Cemetery before making the investment for more permanent signs. Also, everyone should be encouraging people when they see dogs in the cemetery to call the police.

Karen Kasper let everyone know that the Cemetery tours would continue to the end of August. The tours have been very popular this year.

City Manager Craig Cugini suggested that the Cemetery Board send a Thank You card to the ROTC for cleaning Veteran markers this summer.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting will be held September 19, 2023, at Ishpeming City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:54p.m., a motion was made by Member Magnuson with support from Member Moffat to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



April Holm

Recording Secretary