

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, July 15, 2024, at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Member Piereson.

Staff present: Raquelle Ball-DPW Manager, Bill Anderson-DPW Foreman, Kaleb Rundman-Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks. (3).

Present: Members Jim Bertucci, Karen Kasper, Tracy Magnuson, and Dr. Stephen Piereson (4).  
Absent: Member Pat Scanlon (1).

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made by Member Bertucci, seconded by Member Magnuson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 20, 2024 as presented.

### **FENCE UPDATE**

Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks-Kaleb Rundman detailed Marquette Fence has completed their work within the Cemetery. There is one small section that will be repaired by City employees.

### **COLUMBARIUM UPDATE**

Bill Anderson-DPW Foreman detailed that there was a pause on seeking bid's due to his medical leave. He will start seeking bids for new Columbarium builds now. Members agreed to discuss names for the new Columbarium's. A waiting list for purchasing niche's will be started and maintained by DPW Manager-Raquelle Ball.

**CEMETERY REPORT** – Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks-Kaleb Rundman reported the part-time summer students are doing great with the cemetery care. TriMedia has completed their work on mapping of the Cemetery for the C.I.S. data. Payne & Dolan has continued dumping excess fill into the ravine or pit at the back of the Cemetery and will level the field and fill with Hydro Seed per their contract when complete.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Member Kasper brought to attention concerns of dying/dead trees within the cemetery. Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks-Kaleb Rundman discussed September would be the start of removal and a presenting a contract with Holli Forest to remove the big trees in the horseshoe (every other tree) and will provide an update of said contract.

Member Kasper detailed the cemetery tours have been going well.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks-Kaleb Rundman reported purchasing of new 'walker' lawnmowers next year will need to be brought forward to council for budget approval and he will start the process of obtaining bids.

Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks-Kaleb Rundman brought forward a proposal to change week day over-time burials to start at 2:00 p.m. and increase the weekday over-time, Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday rates by \$150.00 each. This would result in the following rate changes:

1. After ~~3:00~~ 2:00 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays:
  - a. Casket ~~\$450.00~~ \$600.00
  - b. Urn in Ground ~~\$150.00~~ \$300.00
  - c. Urn in Niche ~~\$50.00~~ \$200.00
2. Sundays and Holidays:
  - a. Casket ~~\$600.00~~ \$750.00
  - b. Urn in Ground ~~\$200.00~~ \$350.00
  - c. Urn in Niche ~~\$100.00~~ \$250.00

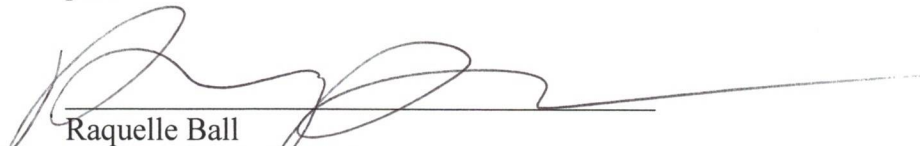
Discussion of working with the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court Probation, Parole Officer Mariann Annala, for volunteer work of fence painting next year (2025) took place. Member Magnuson questioned who would be liable for the General Worker's Compensation/Liability Insurance – the City or the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court. Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks-Kaleb Rundman will confirm the responsible party. Member Magnuson motioned to approve the volunteer work pending verification of insurance, Member Bertucci seconded, all in favor.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

The next meeting will be held September 16, 2024, at Ishpeming City Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Magnuson, seconded by Member Bertucci to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.



Raquella Ball  
Account Clerk/DPW-Cemetery-Parks