

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
CEMETERY COMMISSION
April 12, 2017**

Members present: Trace, White, Carr
Also present: Arnold, Brockway, Buddenhagen, Jamieson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Larry Trace.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. White, seconded by Mrs. Carr that the minutes of the meeting held February 8, 2017 be approved. Carried. Ayes: Trace, White, Carr. Nays: None.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

John Bourisseau, Chagrin Falls Historical Society, mentioned that through donors they have raised the money for the project. There was discussion regarding a total dismantle vs. repair and seal. There are concerns that the base may crumble. Mr. Bourisseau said he has been working with Cleveland Marble and Mr. Trace suggested that they get a second opinion from Sheffield Monuments using granite instead of marble; granite will last forever. Mr. Bourisseau said he would like this project completed by September 10, 2017. The Commission hopes that a rash decision isn't made just to get the project done by this date.

Mr. Bourisseau presented his idea of a permanent, stand-alone story board with all the donors' names on it along with the history of how it was created. The Commission voiced concerns of a permanent, stand-alone story board. There will be maintenance issues and this could open up the door for similar requests, which would not be appropriate for Evergreen Hill Cemetery. The Commission might be willing to consider a temporary stand-alone story board. A permanent story board might be better fit at the Historical Society. If the memorial is recreated, rather than repaired, the story board could be created in the base of the memorial rather than having a stand-alone unit.

Mr. Bourisseau presented his idea of a brick walkway in front of the memorial. The "bricks" for the walkway are actually stones from the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Cleveland that were removed during the re-do of Public Square. That will be reviewed by Mr. Arnold and the Cemetery Commission. They again expressed concerns about maintenance issues and if a walkway is even necessary.

There was discussion regarding creating a perpetual care fund for maintenance of the memorial, which would be handled through the Historical Society, not the village.

WROUGHT IRON FENCE

Mr. Trace asked Mr. Jamieson if the wrought iron fence, that runs along the retaining wall on the South Franklin side, will be repaired before Memorial Day? Mr. Jamieson said he is going to get a quote from Auburn Fence. He will follow up with them today.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Arnold reported that during his research he found approximately 40 graves available to sell. They were previously sold back to the village but not recorded as available to sell.

Mr. Jamieson mentioned that storm-damaged trees have been removed from the cemetery.

MEETING NOTICE

Mr. Trace announced a special meeting for Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Evergreen Hill Cemetery. The Commission will walk through the cemetery and flag anything that they find to be a maintenance issue, such as bush removal and stones that need to be repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Larry Trace, Chairman
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