

Town of Millbury
Minutes of
Cemetery Commission Meeting
February 15, 2022

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ITEM ONE – CALL TO ORDER

Randy Mogren called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Randy Mogren, Robert Roy, Keith Caruso and Amy Paquette-Riordan.

ITEM TWO – GUEST/SPEAKER:

No guests appeared.

ITEM THREE– MEETING MINUTES:

The Cemetery Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed the meeting minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting.

ITEM FOUR-NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Caruso informed the Cemetery Commissioners that he is in the process of developing a pavement plan for Central Cemetery. He asked the commission their thoughts on possibly removing 7th, 8th and 9th streets located in Section Two as these roads are in rough shape and he feels it would be easier to eliminate the asphalt and loam and seed those areas. Randy and Bob both agreed that removing the roads would be beneficial. Keith informed the commissioners that the asphalt removal would be done in house to cut down on costs. Eliminating these roads would also cut down on the cost of paving with no impact on digging of graves or on the Parks Department. Bob agreed that the streets Keith proposed to remove are three of the worst roads. Randy also stated that by removing those roads it would definitely cut down on the cost of pavement. Keith also informed the commissioners that he does not have a paving vendor in place as of yet but will keep them notified. Pavement will start in section two and branch out from there. Bob would like for Keith to obtain a quote for the back street in Section One that runs to the Miles Monument. Randy asked that Keith obtain a quote both with that section and without that section just to get an idea on cost.

Keith will also reach out to Weston & Sampson to secure a final task order for the expansion of the cemetery. Randy voted yes to proceed with the Task Order. Keith asked Randy to think about a funding source for this project and also stated it may have to be a Town Meeting Article. Keith and Randy will schedule a meeting with Jennifer Barrett, the Finance Director, to discuss options.

Keith stated that depending on staffing the highway department may be available to rent the equipment necessary to overturn the land in the new section but could not make any promises. Keith also informed the commissioners that Carl will be available to dedicate more time to the cemetery now that he has staff of his own. This will allow Carl to focus on a lot of the concerns that need to be addressed. Keith has proposed an additional floating staff employee who would work Tuesday through Saturday. This employee would work with various departments as needed Tuesday through Friday and be assigned to the Transfer Station on Saturdays to give that staff the extra person needed there.

Bob Roy made the recommendation to Keith that he would like to see a one-way traffic pattern at the cemetery implemented. Bob stated that with signage to educate the public this would be a much better solution than what is going on there now with people parking on both sides of the road. Keith stated that he would be in favor of implementing that especially given the condition of the lawn and the deep ruts cut into the grass.

Bob also stated he would like to plan on raising all of the Veteran's markers as a lot of them need some care. Bob also stated he has spoken to the members of the Veterans Affairs task Force about the same issue.

Keith wanted to acknowledge all of the hard work that has been done by Carl Ward over the past year. He stated that Carl has done a great job.

ITEM FIVE – MONUMENTS/FLAT MARKER APPROVALS:

Prachniak headstone-Motion to Approve-Randy Mogren
Second Bob Roy.

ITEM SIX-NEW BURIALS:

A list of new burials from November to February was presented to the Cemetery Commissioners.

ITEM SEVEN – FUTURE MEETING DATES

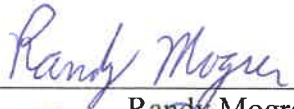
The next scheduled meeting date will be March 15, 2022. The Commissioners agreed that if the agenda was light being the week of Christmas the meeting may get cancelled.

ITEM TEN – ADJOURNMENT

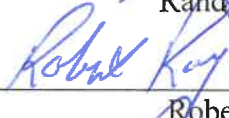
Bob Roy made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm Randy Mogren seconded that motion.

The full meeting content is available on the Millbury Public Access Channel.

Respectfully prepared by Amy Paquette-Riordan



Randy Mogren



Robert Roy