

Meeting of Columbus Hillside Cemetery Board

Monday October 14, 2024 6:30 pm

Columbus Community Center

125 N Dickason Blvd.

Columbus, WI. 53925

The meeting was called to order by John Marks at 6:30pm. at the Columbus Community Center on Monday, October 14, 2024.

Meeting was posted in the paper, on the City website and at City Hall.

Roll Call:

Present: John Marks, President, Deb Moungey, Secretary/ Treasurer, Robert Link, Elizabeth Altschwager, Jim Klutzman, Joyce Shepard, Vicki Schulze, Evelyn McNulty , Shirley Banetske and Ryan Rostad, city liaison.

Dave Roelke, Vice President, excused.

Guests:

Dale Marshall, (Eileen) Suzy Liverseed, Mayor Joe Hammer, And Darlene Marks.

Approval of Agenda:

Call was made to accept the agenda. Motion by Jim Kluetzman and seconded by Beth Altschwager. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent of Agenda:

Minutes of June 10, 2024 presented and accepted without changes or corrections.

Treasurer's report presented and accepted without changes or corrections.

Unfinished business:

John Marks called for the nominations of two advisors. Bob Link nominated Dale Marshall and Suzy Liverseed for a one year term of Advisor. Shirley Banetske seconded it. They accepted. John Marks called for the vote. Carried unanimously. Ryan Rostad asked if there term would be from October to

October. It was discussed and decided that at the annual meeting of June 2025 a final decision would be made.

Congratulations and thank you to Dale Marshall and Suzy Liverseed on your new positions.

Bob Link asked if there should be a meeting to orient members as to their positions and to what the job descriptions are. Ryan Rostad suggested posting the meeting as an open meeting or including a disclaimer at the end of the agenda if a quorum is in attendance.

New Business:

Award Presentation. Due to unforeseen circumstances Clara Sennhenn was unable to attend the meeting and her award for 48 years of devoted service to the Hillside Cemetery Board will be presented to her family. We thank Clara for all her suggestions and support through the years. She will be sorely missed.

Hillside Cemetery wishes to acknowledge and thank the Nancy Kind Estate for a second charitable gift. A letter of appreciation was sent to the family, and the gift will be used to beautify Hillside Cemetery.

Consider and take action:

John Marks called for a discussion of ADD I, 2, 3 and IV at the cemetery. It was brought to our attention by Meitner's Land Service that it is getting almost impossible to do full burials in these sections since the area is so old that burial records are not complete or accurate. He also stated that cremation burials could still happen in those areas since they are not as deep and would not disturb the full burial sites.

A motion was made by Bob Link to restrict the burials in ADD I, 2, 3, and IV to cremation burials only. Motion seconded by Beth Altschwager, motion carried unanimously.

John Marks called for a discussion and update of the rules regarding the Columbarium door plaques. There was a request for artwork of 3 inches or more on a plaque by a customer of Pechman Memorials who is approved to etch the doors. An old motion of 2015 was read but was not included in the Rules and Regulations and was incomplete. Joyce Shepard read information from Gary Pechman as to what was decided by the board in 2015. Pechman chose Block lettering.

Items included:

1. Surname, First name, middle initial
2. Maiden name if space allows
3. Date of Birth: Month, Day, Year only
4. Date of Death
5. Military Service Medallion

A question came up as to the size of the military medallion. A small medallion from the Veterans Affairs Office is 2 inches by 1 ½ inches and will be used.

A motion was made by Jim Kluetzman that all artwork and lettering will not be more than 2 inches in height and artwork will only be on the bottom line of the plaque.

The motion was seconded by Bob Link. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of operations:

John Marks brought up the meeting with the City Attorney and The City Administrator. Deb Moungey discussed the items brought up and that there will be another meeting for further discussions. The question was asked why this was happening now and Ryan Rostad explained that there were legalities that needed to be addressed with the signing of deeds and other areas. We will wait until the second meeting to discuss things further.

John Marks gave a report of the Burke Center work and this year they did 71 monument repairs which included 3 ribbon pours. They plan on returning again next year. Bob Link asked why the last week was cancelled and it was due to budgeting issues. Being as the bills were not all turned in yet, but the account was running short of funds it was decided to cancel the last few days.

Deb Moungey brought up some bills that had to be paid from the checkbook directly and asked if the repairs on monuments could be reimbursed from the Perpetual care fund. The first section of repairs was a total of \$ 400 and \$175 to Jerry Heuer. The second amount was for repairs next year for \$1750.

Jim Kluetzman made a motion to reimburse the bills paid by the checkbook but to table the second amount until the work is done next year. Motion was seconded by Eve McNaulty. Motion carried unanimously.

John Marks called for a motion to adjourn. Jim Kluetzman motioned and Beth Altschwager seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.