

CEMETERY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES June 10, 2021 - 8:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chairman Joel Day. Day thanked everyone for attending.

Present were members Mayor Day, Kelly Herron, Service Director Ron McAbier, Mark Wideman, Tim Halter, Richard Geib, and Jim Exley.

Excused: Aimee May and Dave Frantz

Minutes from the May 13, 2021 board meeting were approved on a motion by Ron McAbier and seconded by Mark Wideman. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The June meeting was held at the new Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery office so the board members could view the office building and grounds. Superintendent Kelly Herron reported that the flagpole was installed on June 9th and crews were also in that day to tidy up. The internet network is hooked up and the office is ready for business. Mr. Herron said that he was waiting to issue a press release for the Grand Opening until the blacktop was finished in the parking lot and he had contacted those who had already called for appointments. He also recognized Service Director Ron McAbier for his efforts in making sure that the landscaping and paving were completed. Mr. Herron said that there is still some additional landscaping that he'd like to have done and he is looking into fencing options for the front of the cemetery.

Superintendent Herron reported that so far in 2021 he has sold 26 graves and 1 top row niche, 19 of those in the month of May. 16 graves were sold in all of 2020. Herron also said that he received permission from the first people to buy graves at the new cemetery to use their picture for marketing and to display at the office.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board discussed the Grand Opening of the new Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery and decided to hold the event on July 24th at 11 am. Kelly Herron will work on the details and contact the media as well as the VFW to ask them to dedicate the flagpole.

Superintendent Kelly Herron reported that there haven't been any more issues regarding the squatter in the mausoleum. He said that his crew has been checking the mausoleum every morning and the police have been patrolling the area more. Mr. Herron said that he has a lock for the door but hasn't had it installed yet as he's working on arrangements for someone to lock and unlock it outside of business hours. Richard Geib mentioned that a battery operated, timed lock may be a possibility to eliminate the need of someone having to unlock it. Herron said that he would investigate that option.

NEW BUSINESS:

The group briefly discussed the possibility of allowing individual mausoleums at Schoenbrunn Meadows cemetery. Superintendent Herron will research what would be needed. The board also discussed creating a committal pavilion where services could be held to eliminate the risk of accidents during graveside services.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 for the group to walk the grounds.

Jami Bailey, Administrative Assistant