



CEMETERY BOARD

**MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 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, Dave Frantz and Jim Exley.

Excused: Aimee May

Minutes from the June 10, 2021 board meeting were approved on a motion by Tim Halter and seconded Ron McAbier. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Kelly Herron reported that he has ordered fencing from Swiss Valley Fence for the front of Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery along Delaware Drive and it should be installed in late fall. The quote came in at \$19,970, which is just under the amount allotted in the budget. He's looking to eventually have black chain link fencing installed around the other areas of the cemetery. Mr. Herron said that he's also working with Menards to have a window replaced that had fallen out of one of the garage doors and has a purchase order out for new tractors.

Kelly Herron said that he's happy with lot sales at the new cemetery. He said that he sold a total of 56 graves from January 2018 through May of 2021. He sold 41 graves and 3 niches in May and June of 2021 in Schoenbrunn Meadows alone.

Plans are coming along for the Grand Opening ceremony on July 24th from 11-1. Superintendent Herron said that he has been working with the New Philadelphia Park Department and Freshmark to make arrangements for the food. Tusco TV will be on site and the VFW Color Guard has agreed to dedicate the flag. Herron said that he would also look into securing a pastor to conduct a prayer and would contact the historical society to see if a speaker is available. Mayor Day will open the ceremony.

July 9th will mark the first burial at Schoenbrunn Meadows cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Kelly Herron reported that there haven't been any more issues with the squatter in the mausoleum. He said that his crew has been checking the mausoleum every morning and he has a lock and chain ready to go.

The board continued their discussion on the possibility of allowing individual mausoleums at Schoenbrunn Meadows cemetery. More research will be conducted and the board will resume the conversation at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coyotes have become an issue at East Avenue Cemetery. Superintendent Herron reported that a family was chased away from the cemetery by coyotes and there is evidence that there may be a den nearby. The group briefly discussed options for resolving the issue.

Herron said that he recently referred a woman to the police department after an issue with a decedent's family and there have also been problems with people stealing concrete pots and flowers from the cemeteries.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Ron McAbier and seconded by Tim Halter. The meeting adjourned at 8:38.

Jami Bailey, Administrative Assistant