

**PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2018**

The Parks and Cemetery Committee met Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.

In attendance were Parks and Cemetery Committee Members:

Chair, Mrs. Aimee May
Mr. Rob Maurer
Mr. Kelly Ricklic
Alternate: Mr. Dan Lanzer

Guests were:

President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Councilperson Dean Holland, Service Director Ron McAbier, Safety Director Greg Popham, Mr. John Zucal, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Cemetery Supt. Kelly Herron

Committee Chair Mrs. May reported that the Parks and Cemetery Committee met Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre to discuss the following item:

- Proposed Ordinance 14-2018

Mrs. May made the following statement:

At the recommendation of the Committee at the last meeting we took this back to the Cemetery Board for some additional recommendations and to clean up the wording in the Ordinance. The changes that were made at the recommendation of the Cemetery Board were \$200 from every cemetery lot sale plus \$600 from every niche sale be deposited into this new fund #815. The \$200 from the cemetery lot sale would be to replenish the loan that we just paid off and the \$600 from the niches would be put back into this fund and as soon as we have enough we would buy another column barium when the first one is full so that we're continuously buying more column bariums as they're full and being able to replenish the fund. We also took the wording out of the ordinance itself. It now says "For the purposes of improving and expanding city owned cemeteries versus the maintenance and care of the cemetery."

Cemetery Superintendent Kelly Herron made the following comment:

The \$600 from every sale of the niche plus the \$200 from the endowment so that would be an \$800.00 total. The \$600 would go back once the niche was sold out it would go into reinvesting in another one, so it's kind of reinvesting in purchasing another one.

Mayor Day made the following statement:

I think the Cemetery Board came up with something reasonable. We were concerned about being able to pay the fund back and making the loan payments. I think it's the way we should go.

Auditor Gundy had the following comment:

The last item expenditure for the Cemetery Endowment funds they must all be approved by resolution. Is that for each check that's ever written?

Mrs. May had the following response:

I believe that was intended to purchase a niche. I'll ask the Law Director for a better explanation.

Mr. Holland asked the following question:

What is the cost for a cemetery lot and for a niche space?

Mr. Herron had the following response:

A lot currently for a New Philadelphia resident is \$650 for a nonresident it is \$800. We also allow stipulations if you have a flat marker grave that doesn't require a headstone those are

around \$525. We don't have a price yet for a column barrium niche. If you would buy a niche you would purchase everything right up front, the space for the urn, the name on the urn.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

How does our cemetery rate structure compare with other cemeteries?

Mr. Herron had the following response:

We're right there with Dover.

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 14-2018 TO THE AGENDA FOR REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AUGUST 13, 2018

MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION

3 YEAS

ORDINANCE 14-2018 WILL BE ADDED TO THE AUGUST 13, 2018 AGENDA FOR 3 READINGS

Mrs. May made the following comment:

I will definitely clarify the part about the expenditures getting approved by Council prior to adding it to the Agenda.

With no other matters to come before Committee Mr. Zucal Motioned to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee May, Committee Chairperson, Parks and Cemetery Committee