

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes March 30, 2012

Convened: At 10:30 am at the Township Office

Who Present: Jim Zerst, John Ollila and Bruce Petersen (acting as the Secretary)

Discussion Points:

- Cemetery will tentatively open on April 16 weather permitting. Historically a very early opening date.
- This year (2012) the cemetery will be staffed by Marty (Sextant) plus two other employees. In 2011 there was \$41,000.00 spent on (4) employee salaries and we have \$30,000.00 earmarked for salaries in 2012.
- If extra help is needed and employee from the maintenance department – if there is not a pressing need – can come over and work for a few days.
- Public watering irrigation schedule/timing worked out well last year – will be continued this year.
- Sue Hellman Lines volunteered to pursue funding for a rock wall in front of the cemetery – Ok'ed by the Committee.
- Still haven't heard from MTU's Jim Revard, an Instructor in the School of Forestry, about the tree survey at the cemetery that was supposed to have been completed last fall by MTU forestry students.
- Still need to get a list of the vacant lots that have had no activity for many years. Marty, over the course of last winter has identified a number of them. Ultimately, we have to attempt to contact the listed lot owner, the lots have to be advertised in the paper and then an action in small claims court needs to be completed before the Township can formally regain ownership and resell the lots.
- There is a large amount of money in the perpetual care fund for the cemetery – the question was asked whether or not that interest accrued in that fund can be used to benefit the cemetery.

Adjourned at 10:55 am Jim made the motion - John Seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Petersen
Township Supervisor