Meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees

Thursday March 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM

In person meeting at Kensington Town Hall

The Kensington Cemetery Trustees met at the Kensington Town Hall at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Meeting called to order at 6:33

Present:

Katelynn Dow

Jacquelyn Benson

Absent:

Nancy Roffman

Members of the Public:

None

Old business:

- 1. Public comment on draft cemetery regulations
 - a. The trustees discussed a public comment from Ben Cole, submitted via email, on including the placing of flags for Fire Department veterans in the bylaws. JB and KD added a line to this effect to the bylaws draft.
- 2. Approve past minutes
 - a. JB moved we accept the minutes from Nov 11, 2022 and Dec 22, 2022. KD seconded.
 - All in favor.
- 3. Cemetery maintenance
 - a. Stone repair
 - Since cleaning supply funding was approved in the 2023 budget, JB moves that she be authorized by the trustees to purchase the needed equipment and supplies for a community cemetery cleanup to take place sometime in April or May.

KD seconded.

All in favor.

- ii. Community stone cleaning event is scheduled for Sunday May 7th at 2PM in the Lower Yard/Dearborn Annex, with a rain date of May 13th.
- b. Fence
 - i. The deer damage to the cemetery fence is repaired, with thanks to Figlioli Ironworks. The work was paid for using 2022 funds.
- c. Mowing
 - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Trees
 - i. KD has been in contact with six tree service companies to try to get an assessment of needed work in the cemeteries. Only one has returned her call so far. She is going to keep trying to find more.
- 4. Cemetery records
 - a. New burials update
 - i. JB reviewed four burials pending for this spring and the status of current paperwork for each.
 - b. Cemetery mapping project
 - i. No update.
- 5. Cemetery bylaws
 - a. The following updates were made to the draft bylaws:
 - i. Adding permission for placement of fire department veterans flags
 - ii. Current spaces are only open in Dearborn Annex
 - iii. Monuments or grave markers are required for all burials
 - b. The trustees plan to vote on the bylaws at our next meeting on Thursday April 6th.
- 6. Cemetery communications
 - a. Town newsletter
 - i. JB will reach out to the KCC news editors to see if there is time to get an update about the cemetery cleanup day in the April issue.
 - b. Town website
 - i. No changes.

New business:

- 7. Demaree Bench Request
 - a. Trustees reviewed the DeMaree request to install a 4' long pink granite curved bench on Plot Dearborn 197. The bench would serve as the monument for the lot with the names of those interned being carved on the seat.
 - KD moves that we approve this request.
 - JB seconds.
 - All in favor.
- 8. Determine next meeting date
 - a. The next cemetery trustees meeting is set for Thursday April 6 at 6:30PM
- 9. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM