

City of Edwardsville  
Cemetery Board Meeting  
May 28, 2014

The May meeting of the Edwardsville cemetery board was called to order by Wayne Snider, president, at 7:00 p.m. Six members were present: Wayne Snider, Ola Howerton, Ken Shaw, Bonnie Lue Sandberg, Connie Henry, and Doug Danner.

The minutes from the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by Ken Shaw, with Ola Howerton seconding.

The treasurer's report was discussed. Connie Henry submitted two receipts for payment: \$19.49 for fencing for peonies and \$17.31 for Easter flower arrangement. No time sheets were presented; checks for work done in the cemetery and checks for the participants in the Memorial Day service will be included in next month's report. The report was approved by Ken Shaw, with Ola Howerton seconding.

In old business:

- ✓ • Cemetery lighting: the light in the east part of the cemetery is still on 24/7; we are receiving a credit from Westar. Wayne will contact Westar about that light and the light at the south entrance which has been turned off.
- ✓ • The software program for the cemetery plots: Wayne and Doug have received basic set up and training; Wayne will call them concerning the next phase of training.
- ✓ • ½ mil levy proposal: the board has not received any information about its approval.

In new business:

- ✓ • Memorial Day service: the old wreath is missing. Connie Henry will check into purchasing or creating a new one.
- ✓ • Planting: Bonnie Lue Sandberg was asked about planting irises and peonies on a grave; the board agreed to abide by the information on the cemetery sign—no planting on or near the graves.
- ✓ • Perpetual care: discussion involved how the amount might be averaged and the fact that only the interest earned can be spent; it was determined that more discussion must occur, with the city council's guidance on the matter.
- ✓ • Volunteers: Connie Henry raised the possibility of asking the Edwardsville-Bonner Springs Kiwanis group to volunteer their services in the cemetery; the board decided to wait to involve them until the cemetery's needs can be assessed.

- ✓ • Memorial flag poles: Ken Shaw agreed to check the names on the poles and make sure all the names are correct after the flags are placed for the Fourth of July; he will see that they are fixed by the next Memorial Day weekend.
- Dirt shed: Austin, the grave digger, advised that we remove the dirt from the area adjacent to the storage shed; Connie Henry will contact him about it.

The board adjourned to the cemetery for a walk through. The following ideas were discussed:

Priority #1: removal of dead evergreen tree in north corner: Wayne will contact Oots and ~~Connie~~ will contact ~~Mr. DeLeon~~ for a bid. *fall*

Priority #2: removal of dead evergreens in north planter ✓

Priority #3: volunteer trees along the west fence row

Other ideas included

- Extending the peonies all the way around the circle drive, using the existing ones: Connie will dig them up and replant them. *late fall*
- Removing the volunteer trees along the east fence row: Connie will contact the property owners about removing them.
- Trimming the bushes along the west fence row: the board decided to wait until fall to have Oots bid on trimming bushes at fence height and raising the ornamental trees throughout the cemetery.
- Painting the trash cans: Connie will wash out one of the cans and see if Krylon paint for plastic will work.
- ✓ • Removing grapevine from the bushes in the northwest corner.

Meeting adjourned in the cemetery at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Connie Henry  
cemetery board member

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