

September 11, 2023

A meeting of the Seward Cemetery Board was held September 11, 2023 at 5:05p.m. at the Seward North Cemetery Office, Seward, Nebraska. Board members present were: Greg Zabka, Jeff Volzke, Clark Koehler and Ben Hughes. Others in attendance were Kent Chelewski, Cemetery representative, Brent Peterson, city of Seward employee and City Council representative, Jessica Kolterman. Absent: Jerry Meyer.

Notice and agenda were posted in the following places: City Hall, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Public Library and Seward Civic Center.

Notification Of Open Meetings Law

1. MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS 7 DAYS BEFORE AND REMOVAL 7 DAYS AFTER.

Sherry Leising was present to inquire about possible changes in the number of days allowed. It was publicized in the Seward Independent and on the Rules and Regulations board at the cemeteries that decorations were allowed 7 days before and 14 days after Memorial Day. This caused great confusion and some decorations were taken. The cemetery board listened to the comments and will discuss at a future board meeting. The board thanked Sherry for her concern and input.

2. CHANGES TO VETERANS ADDITION-DIFFERENT FOUNDATIONS

Tabled for more information to be brought to the board at a future meeting.

3. SEWARD CEMETERY OLD NORTH GATE: REMOVAL OF BRICK PILLARS CLOSEST TO ROAD EXITING CEMETERY ON WAVERLY ROAD

Kent Chelewski brought to the board's attention that this exit isn't being used by cemetery equipment due to its size. He recommended that the inside pillars be removed allowing an adequate sized exit. Motion by Greg Zabka to remove pillars and seconded by Ben Hughes. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS: MONUMENT SIZE ON LANGWORTHY ROW 15:

It was brought to the cemetery board's attention that a monument was set in row 15 that didn't meet the size requirements. It was larger than the 2 feet long by 1 foot wide and 6 inches high. After discussion to move the regulations east from Row #1 through Row #15 to Row #1 through Row#14 and the regulations to the west from Row#16 through Row#30 to Row#15 through Row#30. Motion by Greg Zabka and seconded by Clark Koehler. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

5. SEWARD CEMETERY MAINTENANCE BUILDING: WATER PRESSURE CONCERNS

Kent Chelewski discussed concern about water pressure and the lack of being able to use an outside hose. This will be investigated to see what can be done to rectify this issue.

6. RICK ENDICOTT RESIGNATION

Chairman Volzke will be checking with Board member Endicott about reappointment. He also reminded the board to consider other possible board members and convey names to him.

7. INTERIM SECRETARY

Tabled until future meeting after determining the status of Board member Endicott.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Minutes of June 5, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve by Greg Zabka with second by Clark Koehler. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Memorial Service scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

December 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

10. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Motion by Zabka to adjourn, seconded by Volzke. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Zabka
Acting Secretary