

## **Weston Cemetery Minutes 6/5/2025**

The cemetery trustees met in Village Hall, Diane Hillier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Diane Hillier, Robin Kaiser, Dawn Blandy, clerk Jodie Domer, sexton Harold Boggs, councilmember Brittney Klockowski, guest Tom Patton, present.

Minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting were approved.

Guests: Tom Patton and Brittney Klockowski observing.

### Reports - Harold:

1. Harold indicated that a new weed eater will need to be purchased for approximately \$199.00. Diane made motion for a \$200.00 allowance to purchase, Dawn second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Harold also indicated that the S-10 needs a new fuel pump and stabilizers. The fuel pump would run approximately \$182.00 and the stabilizers would run approximately \$28.00 each. He will be able to replace to save on labor costs. Diane made motion for a \$250.00 allowance for these items, Dawn second the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
3. Harold mentioned that Russell won't be continuing to weed eat. Joe Taylor has been hired to take his place.
4. There are 523 hours left for the part-time employees. Harold will monitor closely.
5. Haven't received quote to remove the limb from the large pine tree in Platt C/C Extension.
6. Jodie mentioned that the pine tree in the old cemetery on the southeast corner is dead. Harold will get a quote for removal, if it falls, it could potentially hit the neighbor's garage and fence.
7. Harold indicated that he will be pouring foundations next week. We will evaluate what we need to do to improve, to be able to get them poured before Memorial Day next year.
8. Jodie reminded Harold that the open holes for foundations and upcoming cremation burials need to be covered with plywood for safety purposes.
9. Harold mentioned that young children were recently driving a golf cart in the cemetery. They should follow the same rules as the rest of the Village's golf cart usage.

### Old Business:

1. Memorial Day went very well. Grand Rapids is planning on doing again next year. Maybe put a committee together to plan these events.
2. The Spoerl marker was discussed and the fact that it does not follow the rules. It will need to be removed. Diane will compose a letter to Mrs Spoerl indicating that it will need to be removed by September 30, 2025.
3. The Wichman foundation issue has been resolved.

### New Business:

1. The rules were discussed and will need to be reviewed/revise in light of the potential for columbarium's being used to mark graves. They would be a different composition and pay structure. Possibly post rules at the garbage can locations. Enforcement of the rules was also discussed.
2. It was suggested that we possibly spray for weeds as opposed to weed eating. After much discussion, it was left as is.
3. Jodie mentioned that our revenue is down so far this year due to less burials taking place.
4. The state's \$2,500.00 cemetery grant is opening on July 1, 2025 for applications. It was determined that Jodie will get an updated quote for step renovation/repairs and submit to the grant writer to complete the application.
5. There was discussion whether to re-schedule the next meeting as it falls at the beginning of the holiday weekend. It was determined to leave as is.
6. Jodie mentioned having issues with Microsoft on her computer. Stephanie will see if she can fix the issue.
7. Jodie indicated that she saw a vehicle parked in the work access drive in D Extension recently. Suggested putting posts on either side of the drive on both ends with a chain between so no one can access with a car.
8. Robin indicated that someone took pictures recently of two children walking out of the cemetery with flowers, etc. They have reported to the Sheriff, however, without being able to identify them, there isn't anything that they can do.
9. Diane expressed interest in two of the unused urns stored in the receiving vault. Dawn made motion for her to donate to the tree fund and take two of the urns, Robin second the motion.
10. The cannon balls were discussed and the possibility of placing them back on the soldier's mound.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bills were approved for:      Luckey Farmers Inc  
   Home Depot

Burials:           Denny Jeffrey

Next Meeting:       July 3, 2025

  
 Jodie J Domer, Clerk

  
 Diane Hillier, Chairperson