

RIDGE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

ROLL CALL PRESENT:   NORMA JEANNE MCGILICK  
                                  JOANNE THIETJE  
                                  PAUL MARSH  
                                  KIM KOSKI  
                                  KIM BEAM  
                                  NICK LAMME  
                                  JEFF HIVELY  
                                  SUSAN JACOBUS

ABSENT:                    DIAN HILLIS  
                                  JIM MANHART

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE:    Brian Newton  
                                  Kevin Bloemker  
                                  Dennis Bittner  
                                  Mark Jensen

The Ridge Cemetery Association Board met on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at noon in the Board Meeting Room of the City Auditorium. Nick Lamme, President, presiding. Public Meeting was posted by Kim Koski.

The minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were emailed and copies distributed today. Paul Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Susan Jacobus. Norma Jeanne, Joanne, Kim Beam, Nick, Susan, and Paul voted yes to accept the minutes.

Norma Jeanne presented the Treasurer's Report. As of March 14, 2018, the Ridge Cemetery Association Bank balance was \$15,199.05. There were no questions. Treasurer's report will be accepted and filed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Boy Scouts have dropped the ball with the straightening project. JoAnn will ask Paul, the leader, to call Jeff and let him know if they are still interested.

Kevin Bloemker stated that the \$10,000 Keno grant provided for 24 monuments to be straightened and the work was completed and submitted to the City in August. Kim Koski has the pictures.

Kevin will apply for the grant again by 4/1/2018. With the Keno grant, the Ridge Cemetery Association must match. We all agreed to match \$8,000.00 maximum. The criteria for award of this grant is based on Community Betterment. We can apply again prior to 10/1/2018. If we are awarded the April grant, work will be performed in June/July 2018.

Nick and Kevin repaired Sharp Brothers Headstone. Kevin will put out the stone when weather permits. Paul asked how this is being paid for and Kevin did this project pro bono. Kevin does a lot of our work cheaper than anyone else. THANK YOU KEVIN!

#### NEW BUSINESS

Kevin asked about the lots at Ridge Cemetery southwest of the columbarium. Are they open for purchase and ready to sell? He would like to purchase several for family. Jeff stated that they were not as roads, graves, trees, irrigation will need to be determined. Jeff will put together a plan for the new section and bring this to our next meeting. Paul Marsh agreed to help on this project. Jeff also mentioned that the current 10' grave section will be filled up in 10 years. There are still some 8' graves available.

The City approved perpetual maintenance fees. Master fee including the perpetual fees will be brought to City Council for approval.

#### JEFF HIVELY REPORT

Jeff Hively reported there were 11 funerals, 9 full and 2 cremations. Grave sales were 6 – 8' 0 – 10' graves and no niches in the columbarium. Broke ground on the new irrigation system. Trenching has started. Jeff has started hiring for the summer season. 2 of the 4 guys from last year are returning. Has one guy in the process of hiring and will need one more. Base pay for these guys is \$9.00/hour.

#### KIM KOSKI REPORT

Kim Koski also mentioned that we have started on the new irrigation system. 28 acres, 456 heads, 24 zones which 8 zones per night will run. There has already been a change order for flow sensors and decoders which will determine if and where the leak is and will automatically shut down if there is a leak. We are still under budget with the change order. These are Rain bird heads. Ken from Waterscape will come 8 times during the installation to check and make sure it is being installed the way it was designed. Jeff is pleased with the contractor and feels this is going to be a good project. The project should be done by May 1, 2018.

Mini excavator should be delivered this month.

Newill family reported damage to their stone. Insurance reimbursed \$700. Ann Dillow Crowley also reported damage, however Kevin (Ted) can actually buff out the damage and the family is pleased with that. This was damaged by our guys.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Kevin mentioned that with the new irrigation system going in and Memorial Day coming up now might be a good time to ask for donations. May need to update the brochures although it would be nice to have a good picture with green and flowers in the back ground. Contact the Tribune for an article. Kevin is a friend of Ron Reeves at the Copy Shop and will talk to him about the brochure. Kim Koski will investigate bulk postage. Motion to authorize up to \$500 to devote to this project by JoAnn and seconded by Norma Jeanne. This needs to go out by middle of May. All parties voted "yes" to proceed with this project. Kim Beam offered to help.

ADJOURN MEETING

Norma Jeanne, Joanne, Susan, Paul, and Kim approved adjourning the meeting at 12:55 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at City Auditorium.

Submitted by,

Kim Beam  
Secretary