

**EASTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, April 13, 2021

6:45 PM

Easton Library Patio

Minutes

Present: Nanette DeWester, Joan Kirk, Deirdre Preis (arrived 6:57 pm), Frank Pagliaro

Absent: Phil Doremus

Guests: Jonathan Fanton, Gary Haines

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Nanette DeWester at 6:55 pm.

1. Review and approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021
Unable to approve due to a special meeting.
2. Budget Update
There is \$21,000 in the CRG account to be used for Center St. This is money from the Newman's Own Foundation. A quarterly report will be submitted regarding the funds used.
3. Update on Cemeteries
Nick Bellantoni, from the state, is willing to talk about the Den Cemetery. He may be able to get funds from the state for that Cemetery.
Gary Haines submitted a proposal for work he will do at the cemeteries. (See attached) Trim work will be done around the family plots. He will mount the gate at Cemetery Street entrance. The proposal will be approved after he submits his invoice for the work.
4. Cemetery Tour Planning
Frank will create handouts for the tour. Donations will be accepted. The money may be given to the garden club for planting flowers/ground covering in the cemetery.
5. Plan Spring Work Days
Nanette submitted a "To Do List." (See Attached) Lyons Cemetery needs some cleanup of debris on perimeter of the cemetery. A cleanup day will be decided at the May meeting.
6. Membership Needs – new member search
Ray Longo's name needs to be removed from the web site. Frank Pagliaro's name needs to be added. Still need one new member.
7. Other business
None

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM (Deirdre/Frank) Approved.

Submitted by,

Joan Kirk

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Proposal to the Easton Cemetery Committee for contract restoration and maintenance work in the Easton cemeteries for the period beginning May 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Work tasks capable of performing for the Easton Cemetery Committee:

- Resetting headstones and footstones that I am capable of resetting, assistance will be needed with large stones,
- Repair headstones that are within my capability of repairing;
- Landscape maintenance;
- Leading volunteer workday groups;
- Organizing and supervising outside contractors that are needed to perform larger tasks, ie.; crane, excavator, dump truck and concrete required restoration.

Compensation: \$40.00 per hour on time and materials basis. An estimate on the cost of a job will be given if requested. No charge for travel time from home to the cemetery. If a vehicle is required to haul debris or materials, a charge of 54 cents per mile will be added.

Insurance: A Certificate of Insurance is available upon request.

Submitted by:

Gary Haines
April 14, 2021

Cemetery Committee Spring To Do List

Center street clean up

- Pick date in late April for a group day (ask Garden Club, or Boy Scouts) scrub off moss on corner stones and some of the gravestones, D2?
- Contact Garden Club for collaboration project. Potters field "greening" and pathways, historic/native planting, fundraiser for Gilberttown, historical garden section?
- Potters field (it's dry rubble, hard to keep green, lime and fertilizer, ground cover or seeds)
- General Clean Up: remove stumps by water, remove brush and downed limbs - especially brush and leaves separating the cemeteries, hand cut between graves where too tight for mower, trim bush by Nichols family plots
- Nichols family bench clean up (area and bench)
- Remove dead plantings (Fanton Family Grave) and the bittersweet
- Gary will return by 5/14 to do projects that are needed prior to the 5/15 tour

Parsons Family Gravestones — all need straightening (cost approx 5K?). Support from John Bond and Monument Co. Gary to lead project?

Den Cemetery visit - choose date, reach out to Aquarian

5/15 Tour Planning

Partners (library, HSE, 175?)

Take donations with a partner to raise funds for the plantings or Gilberttown greening?

Community gathering after? If so, where and how?

Reach out to previous tour attendees as well as new ones to raise awareness