

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield will meet on Wed, August 21, 2019.
We met at 5:30 PM at the Plainfield Fire Station and waited a few minutes to get a quorum.

Commissioners present were: Greg Light, Paula Ackel, and Ed Hutchinson. Dale Bartlett also attended.

The agenda:

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Minutes of the June 26 meeting were approved with a spelling correction.
Minutes of the July 1 meeting were approved as published.

Update of mowing issues

A letter with a threat to sue was received from Lamson, after he received the letter terminating his contract. James Jamelle, ESQ. will represent the commission in this matter and he wrote a response to the Lamson letter.

Lamson was paid for one week of July (although no service was rendered in July or much of May or June).

Joseph Mangan has been mowing since July 2 and has done a nice looking job.

Tree removal

The emergency of a tree broken by wind was brought to our attention about Aug 8 and required immediate attention as a safety risk. Foxfire Tree Care removed the tree Monday Aug 12.

There are additional trees that are dead or near dead that need to be removed. We agreed to meet at the Plain-Mont cemetery for our September meeting Wed September 18 to make a plan for any that need to be removed.

With hundreds of aging Southern pine trees around the perimeter of Plain-Mont there will be a considerable annual expense into the near future as several die every winter. There are also tree issues at other cemeteries.

Monument cleaning

Dale prepared a list of the perpetual care monuments and Linda sent the list out. Ed Met with Kevin Walbridge Monday Aug 19. Kevin proposed continuing to clean the remainder of section F that was begun last year. Only one perpetual care monument is in section F. Kevin would also clean several of the stones in the part of the G section that runs to the Rt #2 side of the F section.

Greg proposed that Ed call Kevin Walbridge to see if he would be willing to extend the amount of cleaning up to \$200 to include about 10 stones that are designated "perpetual care" in the F section. We should be doing six to ten of the PC stones every year to get them on a regular schedule, attempting to do those most in need in a given year. With 47 PC lots it will take a few years to make the rounds to all of them.

Monument repairs

We have not heard back from the company that Greg inquired about fixing the toppled stone at the Bartlett cemetery. Kevin Walbridge said the company no longer keeps the crane they

used to set stones with but that he would drive by and
take a look at it and see if it is something he would do, or perhaps recommend
someone. The estimate from Joseph was considerably beyond the scope of the work we had in mind
this year.

There is also a stone at the Village cemetery with a severely broken and separated
foundation perimeter that is making the stone unsightly and unstable. Weed are growing up in the
crack between the stone and the perimeter. It should be repaired. It was suggested and
approved that we get a quote from Joseph to fix
that particular stone. It is a Perry monument on the river side of the hill up a row or two.

Other business

Paula asked about the cost of a plot at the Bartlet (Center) cemetery.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned about 6:45.

Since the meeting I have called Kevin and he will clean stones that Dale marks as perpetual care from Section
G. If the weather is good this weekend he plans to start on Saturday. He might not finish in one day anyway, so
if the PC stones are not yet marked he will come back to do them another day.