

Vernon Grove Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2024

Present: Chairman - Ron Gray, Trustee – Fred Elliott, Trustee – Chase Filosa, Trustee – Charlie Skaff, Trustee – Mike Lenza, Cemetery Administrator – Phil Greenstein

Absent: Trustee – Scott Crisafulli

Residents: Peter Veilleux, Jamie Wheelock

Meeting called to order 6:00 PM. Motion to open by Charlie, 2nd by Fred, all in favor.

Review of minutes, Charlie motion to accept, 2nd by Fred, all in favor.

Administrator Report – 1/3/2024

Dustin and Jamie both settled into jobs. Reported to Highway but a lot of Cemetery work between funerals and the rain / windstorm that brought lots of sticks and branches down. Machines have been winterized, with mowers going out for maintenance with the new vendor Deianna Small Engine repair. Had a conversation with Chris Teta Power Plant Mgr. There were some fence panels that came down in the storm. Some have been replaced, they are waiting for more panels to come in. They are going to replace the supports. Right now, they are only steel rod supported 25% of way up, they are going to go 75%. They are starting to look at doing a replacement fence with a maintenance free material. It'll still be blockade style 10 feet high and before they do anything they will show us the panels they want to use. They are scheduled for next Thursday to replace panel that is missing. Several issues with United Site Services. Peter Veilleux requesting 4th cremation in grave he owns. I received an email from Kristen Gardner with an attachment of an insurance binder. It was sent by Mr. Fence showing insurance because Fred has been doing inquiries on fence work. There will be a large Verizon bill this month. Updated phones which were free, but \$167.96 for protectors, holders etc. new monthly bill will reflect a slight increase to \$126.77 from \$90.47, it is \$36.30 more, but it saves from buying a \$600 tablet

and getting another cell line to run it. With these phones Dustin and Jamie can access CemSites out in the Cemetery eliminating the need for a tablet.

Open Floor:

Peter Veilleux presented a request to add a 4th cremation to grave he owns which is now occupied by his parents cremains with the intention of him being added in the future. Several questions and some discussion with Board tabling decision for next meeting. Ron asked if Mr. Veilleux had gone to probe grave himself, Peter apologized to the Board for his actions in doing that.

Jamie Wheelock then spoke about the status of a gate on the National Street side of Vernon Grove. Several minutes of discussion ensued about where it could be located, secured etc. Security of the cemetery is important, as well as access. Board also informed Mr. Wheelock that there have been several discussions about the subject with no resolution yet. Mr. Wheelock also inquired about some trees in the North Purchase Cemetery with the Board listening but no action needed as of yet.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Ron Gray informed the Board of an appointment that he scheduled for 2/14/2024 to discuss Capital Budget. Several minutes of discussion of what to ask for.


A motion was made by Charles Skaff with a 2nd by Michael Lenza, to close the regular meeting and open Executive Session without return to the regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken to open the Executive Session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Elliott, 2nd by Michael Lenza, all in favor.

All meeting business concluded at 8:05 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday February 7, 2024 / 6 PM, Town Hall room 14.

Accepted by:

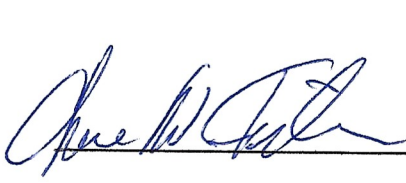


Ron Gray



Fred Elliott

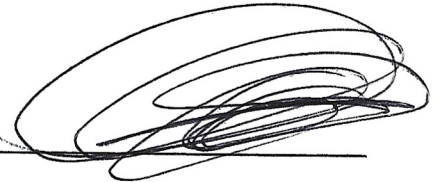
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Chase Filosa



Charles Skaff



Michael Lenza