

Cemetery Board Minutes: April 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm at Red Lodge City Hall by Dan Gainer

Members present: Burt Douthit, Maryvette Labrie, Dan Gainer, Jim Bushnell

Members absent: Jim Hilderman, Polly Richter

Guests: Allistar Baker – CC News

The minutes of January 11, 2017 approved.

Old Business:

The minutes of the August 11th will be provided by Jim Hilderman for the next meeting.

The minutes of the November 15th meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

The process for voters regarding mailout ballots vs. polling stations is still at a stalemate in the legislature. The Board anticipates to continue as outlined at the January 11, 2017 meeting.

New Business:

The Mausoleum roof is being replaced by Bradford Roofing. The color is “aged copper”, it’s a little darker than the original patina of the copper roof, but it should weather to match. This was bid at \$56,000, and is in the FY16-17 budget. The roof is anticipated to be completed in a couple of weeks. The remaining painting, of the sides and back of the mausoleum, will need an estimate to propose for the City’s FY17-18 budget. There are currently no funds remaining in the cemetery capital account. Jim Bushnell will get an estimate for the council.

Jim Bushnell reported that we have one employee returning and he should be able to complete the work by himself. Last year there were two part-time employees. Jim will track the Public Works employees’ time and the cemetery employees’ time when working at the cemetery.

All old sprinkler lines have been removed and the Public Works department would like to remove the old shed this summer.

Dan asked that there be a map of the cemetery for the visitors, the possibility of having porta potties delivered for the visitors and would it be possible to build a gazebo in the place of the old shed. These are something the Cemetery District will be able to work on.

Dan asked if the fence could be removed. It is old and rundown and difficult to mow around. This will be discussed again. During **Public Comment**, it was asked of the Board, how difficult would it be to plant a hedgerow or bushes along the fence line. Jim stated that it would take some maintenance, trimming and watering. Jim said it would be better to have a nice fence than no fence at all. Dan suggested that arches at the main road will improve the appearance.

Dan asked if there will be time to straighten and repair gravesites. Jim reported that they are working on the wagon to fill graves. It will make it easier to fill and less disturbance on the grounds. The staff will get the roads graded and the cemetery cleaned up when they get an employee beginning May 1st.

Dan asked if there were enough millings remaining to use on the roads. Jim reported that there are not at this time.

There was no written correspondence.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45. The next scheduled meeting will be in July unless otherwise noticed.

Minutes submitted by Maryvette Labrie

Dan Gainer - Chairman