

Minutes of 4/25/22 Cemetery Commission
6:00 PM
Remote Access Meeting with Zoom
(Under Emergency Order for Pandemic)
Approved June 15, 2022 Meeting

Members present: Walter Tibbetts (WT), Susan Millinger (SM), Dina Stander (DS). Guests: Groundskeepers Mike Browsky and Suzan Young. Meeting called to order at 6:03

1. Minutes of the March 21 meeting: Motion to accept the Minutes of March 21 as amended was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
2. Volunteer Spring clean-up day:
 - a. The tasks to be assigned were discussed. Suzan and Mike gave their ideas about what most needed doing: brush removal, raking leaves, and cleaning up leftover Christmas and Easter decorations.
 - b. Originally set for May 7 with a back-up date of May 14, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote to change the date to May 14, with a rain date of May 15.
 - c. WT is to be in charge of assigning tasks at the event. Mike and Suzan will be there, as well as DS and SM.
3. Other concerns of the Groundskeepers:
 - a. Mike and Suzan will be sent a copy of the new regulations.
 - b. Their biggest concern is the small items that get left around stones, making mowing around the stones challenging. They would like a place such items can be left to be reclaimed. It was agreed that a sign is needed to remind people of the regulations about leaving items, and to indicate where items removed from the vicinity of a grave can be found.
 - c. Suzan and Mike asked to be notified in advance of the day and time of a burial so they can ensure that the site looks good.
 - d. The groundskeepers suggested that resetting stones should be a focus of TaMara Conde's future work at West Cemetery; it was suggested that should be included in the next grant application. Suzan has reset a number of foot markers.
4. Headstone cleaning and repair workshop: DS reported that TaMara Conde approved the dates of June 4 for a presentation and June 25 for the hands-on workshop. DS is continuing to communicate with Conde about the planned events.
5. Guidelines for Family-Directed Funerals is still in progress.
6. Unanticipated Item: An abutter to the Jewish Cemetery is concerned about the possible impact on their well-water of natural burials there.
7. Date for next meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 6:57: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Submitted by

Susan Millinger

Cemetery Commission secretary

