

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
LAKE FOREST CEMETERY BOARD  
MINUTES

September 12, 2020

Members Present: Rita Fortino Brook, Connie VanSchelven, Kathryn Roberts, Ron Streng, Cynthia Crane and Derek Gajdos.

Guests Present: Judy Brower, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Goode and Christine Bouwkamp

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Rita Brook

Minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Moved by Connie and supported by Ron to approve the INSO bench. APPROVED
- Moved by Ron and supported by Kathryn to approve the variance for the Crane monument to measure 34" high by 60" wide on a 72 x 18" base. APPROVED

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Christine Bouwkamp from Superior Monument in Muskegon presented information to the board concerning new trends in the granite monument industry, cremation trends for markers and artistic values of cemeteries. She acts as a liaison to work with the cemetery and the families to make them happy.
- Gary Goode would like to purchase four plots in block 55 or 56 for the purpose of installing a rose garden in his first wife's cremains. It would include some kind of memorial piece. He would have it professionally planted and maintain it himself. Board members were concerned with the deer eating the roses and the maintenance in perpetuity. It was suggested that he contact Dale Kwekel of GHGH for ideas on deer-resistant plants. This item was cancelled until he presents further information.
- Rita mentioned that there was a stone in the Spanish American War section that is damaged. Upon investigation it is a disintegrating urn.

There being no further business, it was moved by Cynthia to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. Motion PASSED. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2020.