CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
LAKE FOREST CEMETERY BOARD
MINUTES
January 11, 2021

Members Present: Connie VanSchelven, Cynthia Crane, Ron Streng, Todd Brand and Judy Brower

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM by Todd Brand via ZOOM due to the pandemic. Members in attendance introduced themselves.

The Minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting were accepted with one correction: Connie could not have motioned to adjourn the meeting as she was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

• Todd is to put together a proposal for exit signs to be placed in various areas of the cemetery. He will also draw up a sample.

NEW BUSINESS

• Dean Meyering from Sytsema Funeral Home requested a variance for a 16x6x4 flush marker for Joel Botbyl in Block 25, lot 107 grave 8. Moved by Connie & supported by Cynthia to grant the variance. Motion PASSED

• Judy requested the cremains of Richard Boone be buried in Block 25, lot 104, grave 8. The family still owes a balance of $451. The family does not have the money to pay the balance. Ron has contacted the Honor Guard of the American Legion who have offered to take up a collection to pay the balance in order to have Mr. Boone’s cremains interred. Ron is going to arrange for this between Judy and the American Legion.

• Todd Brand is going to write a policy for donating/gifting cemetery plots to present at the next meeting.

• The necessity of a policy for videographic production on cemetery property was questioned. Moved by Cynthia and supported by Connie to table until the next meeting. Todd was going to send out the proposed policy to members of the Board for their reading.

• Rita Fortino Brook has resigned after 14 years on the Lake Forest Cemetery Board. We accepted her resignation with regret and would like to thank her for her years of service. She will be missed!

• Connie nominated Ron Streng to serve as the new chairperson. Cynthia supported the motion and it PASSED unanimously. Note: Ron would like to meet with Derek to discuss his new role.
CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no requests to address the Board.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cynthia and supported by Ron to adjourn at 3:39 PM. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8 at 3:00 PM.