

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
LAKE FOREST CEMETERY BOARD

MINUTES

June 13, 2022

Members Present: Cynthia Crane, Ron Streng, Kathryn Roberts

Guests present: Derek Gajdos-Public Works Director, Todd Brand – Facilities and Grounds Manger

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Ron Streng.

A motion by Crane, second by Roberts to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022.

The motion carried 3-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mole issues mainly in blocks 54 & 55.  
Multiple reports of mole damage, city staff to determine cost for grub control. Also bid for additional services in the future.
- Additional discussion regarding additional markers on graves for cremations.  
Staff to bring draft changes to next meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

- New Niche wall for cremation burials. Only 29 spots left with 17 of them being on the bottom Which people are not interested in because of snow issues.  
We need to check existing niche wall for expansion opportunities. Can we go higher or raise what we have so that the bottom row would be more desirable.
- Open discussion of ideas for volunteer groups to come out and help with clean-up of the Cemetery. (edging of flat markers, trim grass around graves, picking up sticks etc.)  
Ron recommends that we reach out to the American Legion, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to see if they have any volunteer opportunities. We are still posting open seasonal positions to help fill vacancies.
- Complaints about the appearance of the cemetery this year. (neglected graves from winter burials, edging not done, tall grass around headstones not trimmed, condition of the grounds)  
We are now fully staffed at full time positions and we have multiple seasonal openings. Cynthia recommends that we explore temporary funding of short term expenses through the perpetual care fund. Also, check to see if there is a possibility to combine

efforts with Duncan's woods to combat forestry work. Would a millage help with perpetual care and forestry needs? Kathryn noted that those on fixed incomes need to be considered when making a decision.

- The bench donation proposed by Susan Bissell will be reviewed by City Staff.

Adjournment made by Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13 at 3:00 PM.