

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
LAKE FOREST CEMETERY BOARD

MINUTES

July 11, 2022

Members Present: Cynthia Crane, Ron Streng, Kathryn Roberts, Dennis Scott

Guests present: Derek Gajdos-Public Works Director, Todd Brand – Facilities and Grounds Manger, Judy Brower – Administrative Aide, Tony McGee and Kathy Burczak (Abonmarche)

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 June 13, 2022.

The motion carried 4-0

Welcoming of new Board Member Dennis Scott.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Continued discussion of new cremation/niche wall or adding on the existing wall. Tony McGee and Kathy Burczak (Abonmarche) to discuss possibilities.  
Abonmarche will propose 2-3 options and estimated project costs at the August meeting. Possibility of opening the lowest existing level to reduced pricing or donation for those who do not have means to afford the columbarium. Abonmarche will be providing the proposals as part of their partnership with the City.
- Discussion of a new millage to help fund cemetery services and forestry.  
Dennis Scott recommends that .3 mills would be the most beneficial. The millage could go towards protecting the old growth forest, which includes: part of Mulligan's hollow and all of Duncan's Woods.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Jeanette Weiden would like to have the "Wicked Tour" virtual again this October and run it for two weeks instead of one week. It was very popular out here at the cemetery.  
Motion Crane, second Roberts. The motion carried 4-0  
The event utilizes signs with QR codes and is self-guided. The Board wishes to vote on the event annually.
- City staff will evaluate cement corner markers that are falling apart in Section 41 at the Chairs request.

Adjournment made by Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8th at 3:00 PM.