



CEMETERY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2018

9:00 AM

Mayor Joel B. Day called the meeting of the New Philadelphia Cemetery Board to order on Thursday, March 8th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Service Director's Meeting Room of the John Knisely Municipal Centre.

Mayor Day thanked members of the board for attending.

Members in attendance: Jim Exley, Kelly Herron, Ron McAbier, Dave Frantz, Tim Halter and Mark Wideman

Excused: Richard Geib, Aimee May

A motion was made by Ron McAbier to accept the February 8, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Tim Halter. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Herron's Report:

Mr. Herron gave an update on the original Master Plan provided by MSP Design. The price was reduced to \$20,000 after Mr. Herron's discussion with consultant Jose Castrejon. The Superintendent reported that Castrejon assured him that there would be no outside consultants hired by MSP without the City's approval. The revised proposal is good for 90 days and includes East Avenue, Fair Avenue and the new land if purchased (Wallick's property).

The Superintendent reported he met with the Mayor, Service Director and Auditor Gundy to discuss the possibility of purchasing Mr. Wallick's property. Law Director Fete was asked about the endowment fund money and ruled that, in his opinion, the principal cannot be used for the purchase of cemetery land. Mr. Herron said he is researching how the City of Cleveland was able to use its cemetery endowment money for cemetery improvements. There was discussion on perpetual care and Mr. Exley explained what was meant.

After discussion, Dave Frantz made a motion to recommend to the city administration to accept the revised proposal of MSP Design consultant, contingent upon the acquisition of the Kevin Wallick property. Ron McAbier seconded it. Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Day provided handouts of a loan proposal from First Federal Community Bank. The loan amount (and the purchase price) is \$225,000 would be used to buy Wallick's 9 acres of land on Delaware Drive SE.

There was discussion about how the loan would be repaid. The Mayor said that money from the Evergreen Trust Fund could make the monthly payments until plots could be sold on the new land. He also said the City could sell the land it owns at the end of Donald Drive SW to repay the loan.

Dave Frantz felt that it is vitally important to provide the city's residents with burial space. He said that it is as important as other services the city provides its residents. Everyone agreed.

Mark Wideman made a motion to recommend that the Parks and Cemetery Committee approve the loan to purchase the property of Mr. Wallick. It was seconded by Ron McAbier. Motion passed.

The Mayor said he would contact the Goshen Township Trustees to discuss the annexation of the land on Donald Drive into the city.

With no further business to attend to Dave Frantz made a motion to adjourn. Tim Halter seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.



Mayor Joel Day



Secretary Mary Ann Otte