

Deerfield Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021

A meeting of the Deerfield Cemetery Commission was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Conference Call

Present were:

Maynard Grossman, Chairman
Paul Meintzer
Dan Ziemba
John Zobus

Also Present:

Justin Keenan, Staff Liaison

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Document Approval

The minutes of the October 27, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

1. Review observations made at the cemetery grounds:

Liaison Keenan informed the Commission that the Forrest Family had submitted an updated headstone design taking the Commission's comments into consideration. Chairman Gross stated that he thought the updated design was more appropriate than what was previously presented. Commissioner Ziemba noted that the wording is still busy for a historical cemetery, and is almost an obituary. Commissioner Meintzer stated that the wording was toned down some, but most of the wording was just shifted around. Commissioner Meintzer continued that the headstone is almost a billboard. Commissioner Ziemba mentioned that he would prefer to have the majority of the wording removed. Ziemba also asked if the picture of the deer was necessary. Chairman Grossman stated that families frequently put pictures on graves and that it is not uncommon. Commissioners Ziemba and Meintzer both agreed that the sentence "Lifelong Business and Community Leaders" should be removed. Ziemba noted that the original founding families are buried in the cemetery and many of them were community and business leaders. Grossman stated that he is comfortable with the language starting with "In True Partnership", along with the remaining wording on the headstone. Commissioner Zobus stated that he supported the headstone as submitted and believes that the Lifelong Business sentence should

remain on the headstone. Commissioner Meintzer motioned to approve the headstone on the condition that “Lifelong Business and Community Leaders” is removed. Commissioner Ziemba seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Liaison Keenan will reach out to Peter Troost Monuments to discuss the proposed changes.

Items from the Commission

None

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Keenan, Staff Liaison