

Forest Hill Cemetery Committee Meeting

March 29, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Where: At the Township Office located on Green Acres Road

When: 3:00 P.M.

Who Present: John Ollila, Bill Fink (Trustees) & Bruce Petersen (Supervisor/Secretary)

Discussion Items:

- Bill indicated that the three major concerns that he had with the Cemetery and those were (1) improve the irrigation system (2) Tree hazard mitigation and (3) Digitizing the information we now have plus adding additional layers.
- The irrigation system improvements can be designed and costed out by UPEA. Initially we need to have Marty finalize where he thinks our system is located and get that down on a paper map. Possibly a MTU Senior Design Project could be used to assist in the location and rudimentary irrigation design The Tree hazard is becoming less as we incrementally remove the older damaged trees from the Cemetery. The MTU digitized Forestry plan would be one of our GIS layers and should be used for future reference. Possibly the base map could also be used to identify the irrigation system.
- The Veterans information used on Veteran's Day flag placement by the VFW could be another GIS layer along with the plot ownerships and locations.
- The annual marijuana money, at least temporarily, is being used to assist with the funding of the Cemetery. The Committee was unsure if that money was to be solely earmarked for the Cemetery or just the amount needed to make the Cemetery fund solvent at the end of the year.
- Discussed pursuing a ¼ mill to help fund the Cemetery. Many other local cemeteries do have a small millage for their cemetery funding. A millage proposal could be put on the ballot in early 2025. Will pursue this with the Board of Trustees at the April 10, 2023 monthly meeting to see what their thoughts are.

There were no public present – thus no comments taken.

Adjourned: Bill motioned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Petersen

Secretary