



**TOWN OF ASTATULA
CEMETERY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May 14, 2019
TOWN HALL**

Confirmation that the meeting was properly posted, Chairman Winkle called the Regular Cemetery Committee Meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Invocation was given, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present:

Charlotte Winkle, Chairman
David Jones
Jennifer Long
Patricia May

Also Present:

Jane Whaley, Deputy Town Clerk

Jennifer Anthony, Secretary was delayed and arrived late.

Roll call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Approval of minutes for March 22, 2018 Cemetery Committee Meeting

MOTION by Member Long to approve the minutes; SECONDED by Member Jones

For: Long, Jones, May, & Winkle Against: None

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Fence Repairs

A public works employee has been hired, he is also a volunteer for the Astatula Police Department. Two sections of fencing need repaired are expected to be completed by our next meeting.

Corner marker requirements

Town Council likes the idea. Southern Monument has quoted a price of \$125 if markers are picked up. Price would be \$150 to have them installed at site. Waiting for further approval from Town Council.

Columbarium

Received quoted \$302 per niche for a 48-space niche. Discussion was held regarding how many spaces would be needed/ wanted.

**MOTION was made by Member Long to turn quote over to Town Council for decision;
SECONDED by MEMBER May
For: Long, May, Winkle, & Jones
Against: None
MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

Garbage Cans at Cemetery

Two additional cans were placed in cemetery. Cans need holes drilled in the bottom for water drainage. Discussed attaching cans to poles to prevent theft or movement.

Newsletter mailout regarding Cemetery clean-up

Letter stated deadline of April 1, 2019 for clean-up. There are current violations that have not been cleaned to the Posted Guidelines.

**MOTION was made by Member Long to purchase and post violation flags on offending sites; SECONDED by Member May
For: Long, May, Winkle, & Jones
Against: None
MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

20-year plan for Cemetery

Ideas discussed include the Columbarium system, installing small posts & rope/chain to rope graves off from cemetery roads, installing a Flag pole with a light, repairs to the building and bathroom to return to proper working order, adding an archway with the cemetery name at entrance of cemetery, a Veterans Memorial area.

NEW BUSINESS

Beautification of Entrance & Exits of Cemetery

Discussion was held about adding a sign or an archway to label the entrance of the cemetery. Also adding plants and landscaping at entrance.

Veterans/Reflection area with bench

Extended discussion was held about having a Veterans Memorial Garden/Area with a bench/ seating. Included in the 20-year plan for cemetery.

Car wash or bake sale during summer

Discussion included having a car wash, having another bake sale & raffle or cake walk, also looking into events in Tavares that we can set up a booth- such as selling snow cones at the 4th of July celebration.

Wreaths Across America

The Town of Astatula was contacted by Trish Gardner on behalf of Wreaths Across America. They are a national organization that places wreaths on Veterans graves across America during the holidays. Wreaths are scheduled to be laid on the grave-sites of veterans on December 14, 2019 and will be collected after the holiday season.

Further discussion included the need for installing posts & a rope/chain to block the cemetery roads from the grave-sites to prevent vehicles from driving over graves. Discussed having a newsletter or memo about the committee's next meeting in July to invite new members to join the committee. Also discussed the purpose and responsibilities the Cemetery Committee, including the distribution of funds.

Next committee meeting scheduled for July 16, 2019 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Anthony, Secretary

ATTEST:



Jane Whaley, Deputy Town Clerk

