

MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Alan Armstrong at 7:05 PM at the Historic Murphys School at 65 Jones Street, Murphys, CA. Present were Trustees Alan Armstrong, Maureen Elliott, Jeff St. Louis and Kelly Wright. Also present were caretaker Robert Yeadon, contractor Lance Machler and Dan Hoyle.

QUORUM: A quorum of four board members was present when the meeting was called to order.

AGENDA APPROVAL: St. Louis moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Elliott. Motion passed 4/0

MINUTES: St. Louis moved to accept the Minutes of April 18, 2012 as presented. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dan Hoyle presented a proposal on removing/trimming trees in the cemetery at a cost of \$1,500.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from LAFCO candidate Jeff Davidson asking for votes was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gazebo: Lance Machler brought a bid of \$4,800 for the flag pole and constructing planter boxes around 3 sides of the pergola. The board chose Roman Stone rock in a charcoal/tan color. St. Louis moved to accept the bid at a cost of \$4,800. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.
2. A letter from County Council on removal of decorative items from plots was discussed. The board asked Elliott to call the Wooten family concerning their plots. Decision on how to proceed tabled until next month.
3. Charging a deposit to ensure a headstone would be place on each burial site was discussed. Decision was made to not charge a headstone deposit due to the inability to enforce it except when a plot was purchased.
4. Discussion on selling plots pre-need to eligible non-residents was held based on information in a letter dated 2001 from County Council stating non-resident fees cannot be charged pre-need. Item to be tabled until next month.
5. Discussion was held on setting a policy on how long a plot can be held after purchase without any burial into the plot. Resolution 1978-1 passed Jan 15, 1979 had a policy of no longer than 20 years and that Resolution had never been modified. Item tabled until next month.
(Trustee Kelly Wright left the meeting at this time)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bills from State Farm Insurance for liability insurance and from Caretaker Robert Yeadon for reimbursements were presented. Warrants for the county to pay these costs were signed by trustees Armstrong and St. Louis.
2. Discussion on how to handle the gate installed in cemetery fence by neighboring property owner. Armstrong to send property owner a letter to notify them that they are not allowed to install entry gates into the cemetery.
3. Elliott told the board that the group leasing the tennis courts said that we had dead trees that could be a danger. The trees appear to be dying and should be removed but they are along Cemetery Lane, which is a county maintained road so the removal of those trees may be a county job. Armstrong will call the county to find out.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 1 Plot sales in April: 2 cremain plots; 1 5x10 and 3 10x10 plots were sold in April 2012.
2. Budget Report YTD March 31, 2012 was presented.
3. Elliott moved that the Cemetery District accept last year's approved budget as the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2012-13. St. Louis seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0

CARETAKER REPORT: Yeadon told the board 3 transfer truck loads of road base had been put on the cemetery's dirt roads and had been spread by Rod Tindel. The drainage pipes in areas of road erosion have been installed. An empty cremain container was found in a trash can with no indication of whose cremains it had held or where those cremains were placed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: There were no reports from Trustees.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next board meeting will be June 20, 2012 at 7PM at the Historic Murphys School

ADJOURNMENT: Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned. St. Louis seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.