

MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of February 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Al Armstrong at 7:00 PM at the historic Murphys School at 65 Jones Street, Murphys, CA. Present were Trustees Maureen Elliott; Jeff St. Louis, Jo Brooksher and Al Armstrong. Absent was Trustee Louise Carniglia. Also present caretaker Robert Yeadon and guests Mark and Terry Wilson and Supervisor Merita Calloway.

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 revised. The motion was seconded by Elliott and passed 4/0.

MINUTES: St Louis moved to accept the Minutes of January 15, 2014. Brooksher seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gate from Wilson property into the cemetery:

Mr. Wilson stated he had checked and found no deeded easement for a gate. He could find no deeds during a period of the 1970s through 1980 that were recorded for his property. He had the original survey map of his property and noted it showed a "dog leg" portion but the fence line is a straight line.

After discussion on the cemetery survey done in the 1980s by Kett Surveying and the exchange of deeds that took place at that time between Willard Wilson and the cemetery district to accommodate a boundary line adjustment, Mr Wilson stated he felt his gate should be allowed to remain. The board suggested that a document could be offered, giving him the right to have a gate as long as he owned the property but he felt he might want the gate to be allowed to remain permanently. He was asked to let the board know what he was requesting so the Board would have something concrete to discuss. He will let the board know what he is asking for by the next board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Armstrong brought maps of two sections out of the four section of the new area of the cemetery. He will continue to search for the other two map sections.
2. A discussion was held on installing a solid fence, along the line where the tennis courts are, as a privacy barrier. Elliott will research cost and it will be discussed at the next board meeting again.
3. Elliott reported that the NOE for Ordinance 2014-001 was filed with the county
4. The dirt removed from the grave for Evelyn Wilson still has not been removed. Elliott reported she had called Angels Mortuary twice on this. It was decided to send a letter to the son of the deceased, requesting this be done with 2 weeks of the letter date. Elliott will write the letter.
5. Discussion was held on plots that have large scale violations of Ordinance 2014-001. The largest problem is the John Harding plot and Wooten plots where large items of décor have been installed on the plots and in on plots not owned by Mr. Harding. Decision made to send Mr. Harding and the Wooten family a letter requesting all items on plots that are in violation of the ordinance be removed by March 30 2014 or the cemetery district would remove them and dispose of them. Armstrong will write the letters.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. All the trustees reported that they have filed their Annual Statement of Economic Interest with the county
2. The caretaker had reported that a theft of a chain from the road leading to Section 5 had taken place. He requested to be able to purchase a replacement chain and that request was approved by the board.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. Plot Sales: No cemetery plots were sold in December.
2. Invoices: An invoice to reimburse Maureen Elliott \$294.64 for the cost of 6 trees; postage for mailing Ordinance, cost of copies of the ordinance and a permit from Air Quality Control was presented. Since Armstrong was owed \$17.38 from December but does not have a PEID number on file at the county, Elliott paid him for that amount and it was added to her invoice, making the invoice total \$312.02. Invoices to Angels Pest Co. in the amount of \$2,300 for week spraying and to Robert Yeadon in the amount of \$26.75 for his purchase of fuel and for mileage were also presented and approved for payment.
3. YTD December 31, 2013 financial report from the County Auditor was presented.

CARETAKER REPORT: Yeadon told the board that he would like to purchase a power washer. Elliott moved that Robert Yeadon be allowed to choose and purchase a power washer, price not to exceed \$200. Brooksher seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

Yeadon also reported one of the LED lights for the flag was not working so he took it to Gold Electric for fixing. He asked if the Tonetti plot had been paid for. It has not and the marker they had put on the plot will need to be removed if they do not pay for the plot. Elliott will call the daughter again.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Elliott reported a notification had been received that the worker comp insurance cost would go up 25% or more in April. Supervisor Calloway suggested checking on the price through the CA Special Districts Assoc.

Elliott told the board that she is scheduled for surgery so would not be at the next board meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next board meeting will be March 19, 2014 at 7PM at the Historic Murphys School

ADJOURNMENT: Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned. St. Louis seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM