



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2021

Present: Jim Kenney, Chairman

Darryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton

Irene Morrison, Member

Gladys Wheeler, Member

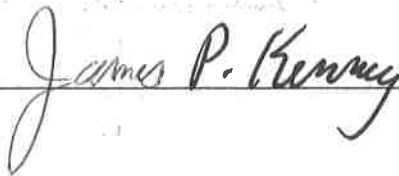
Absent:

1. Call to order, Roll call: J. Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Roll call was taken.
2. Acknowledgement of meeting recording status: This meeting was not recorded
3. Finalization of minutes from the May 1 and July 31, 2021 meetings: Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
4. Update on discussion with Tom Parker regarding Samuel Parker's headstone repair - J. Kenney met with Mr. Parker to discuss options for raising the Samuel Parker (d. 1814) headstone. A date will be set for the work to be done to repair and clean the headstone. Mr. Parker also provided a pictorial history of his family which will be placed in the Cemetery Commission files at the Library.
5. Review of rough draft of Cemetery Rules: The first version of a Cemetery Rules document was drafted by J. Kenney based on similar documents from other towns. The members reviewed the text and discussed points which were relevant to the Town of Peru. This will be an on-going discussion until a final draft is available for review with the Selectboard.
6. Cemetery Mapping:
 - Center Cemetery - Review of mapping and status of work: Mapping is complete. The members reviewed the Center Cemetery portion of the updated Tombstone Inscription book. A suggestion to allow better usability is to reverse the sections in each column. That will allow a visitor to the cemetery to more easily orient themselves to their location in the cemetery when using the book and any mapping materials.
 - Plans for South Cemetery: I. Morrison explained that mapping of South Cemetery is complete. A proposal for the actual map will be drafted for review with the members at an upcoming meeting.
7. Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby reported:
 - The interment of Carretta Allgaier Bolio's ashes occurred on September 25 in Center Cemetery.
 - The Highway Supervisor provided diagrams with the specific location of Alice Frusciente's interment in South Cemetery and Carretta Allgaier Bolio's interment in Center Cemetery.
 - Tom Halvorsen has contacted the Cemetery Sexton to make arrangements for the interment of his father's ashes in North Cemetery.

8. Proposal to address remainder of not-yet-cleaned veteran's headstones - J. Kenney proposed that the remainder of veteran's headstones in North and South Cemeteries be cleaned using the 'spray and walk away' technique. Headstones will be lightly cleaned and scraped of any biological growth before being sprayed with D/2 Biological Solution. Results will not be immediate but the cleaner will work over the next few months. Members agreed to this approach and to meeting on Monday's at 9:00am to accomplish this work.
9. Contributing to the Town's 250th Celebration: Members were reminded of the following on-going activities:
 - Time Capsule to be included in celebration – Members were asked to consider any contributions to the town's time capsule.
 - Selecting and writing biographies of Peru history and notable residents: Mr. Parker agreed to providing a contribution about his family for the 250th Sestercentennial Book. Gladys Wheeler agreed to provide a contribution regarding Seraph Frissell (1840 - 1915). Don Drosehn has agreed to provide a contribution about his mother, Kathleen Sanderson Drosehn (1922 – 2013) who served during WWII.
 - Proposals for writing the 1995 – 2021 Update
 - Contributions to Peru Live Wire.
 - Call for photographs for the Sestercentennial Book and Celebration Program.
10. Planning for next Cemetery Commission Meeting or Commission activities: The next meeting will be held in early November.
11. Any Other Business:
 - I. Morrison created a posting on a Hinsdale / Peru Facebook page letting readers know that volunteers for headstone cleaning and cemetery work are needed.
 - J. Kenney has contacted John Herrera, the Veteran's Agent, to inquire if his office has any records relating to Peru's veterans. He responded in the negative but passed along the request to the historians at the Berkshire Athenaeum. Info provided was info already in-hand.
12. Adjourn Meeting at 11:56.

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman



Date:

12/11/21