Elkton Cemetery Commission Meeting Jan. 18, 2018

Present: Lester Seal, Karen Jones, Bill Davis, Chuck Morris, Betty McGahey,

Excused: Cathy Morrison, Lee Dearing, Steve America

Administrative: Mary Shifflett

Guest: Troy Shifflett

Pledge of Allegiance: All in attendance joined in reciting the pledge.

Devotions: Charlotte was unable to attend, no devotion was given

Lester Seal/Chairman called the meeting to order @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes

No meeting in October, those in attendance was not enough to make a forum.

I. Old Business

By-Laws:

• Distribute By-Laws {Revision September 12, 2017}

Council Representative/Steve America:

Members of the commission are aware that Steve America is the council representative. They understand he has a commitment to his employer but some have never met him. The general consensus among members is the fact they have no interaction with their representative The members have requested Town Council to replaced Mr. America since he has missed 3 or more unexcused meetings.

New Business

• Betty McGahey has asked to resign from the Cemetery Commission. Lester told her she will need to submit a letter of resignation.

• Troy Shifflett said the concrete around some of the family sections in the Cemetery are breaking apart and are having to be thrown away. Karen Jones asked for those stones that are really old and breaking apart, who is responsible for the upkeep?

• Karen Jones asked who sets the fees for a grave, open, and close? How long since the cost has been increased?

• Bill Davis asked if we could do a drive to reach out to those who would have the money to help out in the Cemetery.

• Karen Jones has suggested looking into having a Reflection Garden created in a designated area of the Cemetery. She often times has witnessed people just sitting in the Cemetery and thinks it would be a nice place for the people to reflect back on their loved ones.

Mowing:

- We have about 10 people who have asked to take care of and mow their own graves for their loved ones. We place purple flags at each corner of those lots so our mowing crew will know which ones not to mow. Some owners have asked us not to put the flags up since they think that this looks tacky. Troy Shifflett said this is not acceptable, that anyone should mow their own graves.
- Bill Davis wants a list of names of owners that have purple flags surrounding their lots. He prefers a conversation as opposed to a letter.
- Karen Jones said she will call other Cemeteries to see if any of them are allowing owners to mow their own graves.
- Bill Davis said our next meeting which is in April will be too late to see which owners are mowing their graves since our mowing season may have already started. Karen Jones made the motion to hold a special meeting in February to discuss not allowing the owners to mow their graves anymore. That meeting has been set for February 15, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, Elkton Area Community Center.

Bathrooms:

Members do not want the bathroom construction idea to be forgotten.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting date is scheduled for April 19, 2018 @ 6:00 pm in, the Council Chambers, Elkton Area Community Center located on 20593 Blue/Gold Dr.in Elkton, VA

Lester Seal Jr.

Chairperson

Cathy C

Vice Chair