Elkton Cemetery Commission Meeting October 18, 2018

Present: Karen Jones, Lee Dearing, Chuck Morris, Troy Shifflett, Colleen Grady (6:15 pm), Steve America Council Representative

Excused: Bill Davis

Administrative: Charlotte Shifflett, Delores Hammer

Guest: Betty McGahey, Mayor Wayne Printz, Vice Mayor Jay Dean, Jeff Jones, Margaretta Isom and Allan Lahocki (7:00 pm)

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

Devotions: Charlotte held devotions

Vice Mayor Jay Dean led everyone in prayer before all in attendance honored Mrs. Betty McGahey and Mr. Lee Dearing for their years of service and commitment to the Cemetery Commission.

Vice Chairperson Karen Jones and Mayor Wayne Printz spoke briefly about Mrs. McGahey and Mr. Dearing praising each for their commitment and dedication each have shown to the Town of Elkton and the Cemetery Commission. Mrs. Jones and Mayor Printz then presented each with a plaque and letter of gratitude from the Cemetery Commission and the Town of Elkton. Mr. Bill Davis was also to be recognized but he was not feeling well and was unable to attend. It was suggested Mr. Davis be recognized at a later time.

Karen Jones/ Vice Chair Person called the meeting to order @ 6:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes
Lee Dearing made a motion to accept the August 16, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Troy Shifflett

Voice Vote 5-0
Karen Jones, Lee Dearing, Chuck Morris, Colleen Grady and Troy Shifflett

Motion Carried

New Business

With the unfortunate passing of Lester Seal the Chair Person seat is vacant. Lee Dearing made a motion to nominate Karen Jones as the new Chair Person. Troy Shifflett seconded the motion.

Voice Vote 4-0
Lee Dearing, Chuck Morris, Colleen Grady and Troy Shifflett

Motion Carried Karen Jones is the new Chair Person

With Karen Jones being elected as the new Chair Person. The Vice Chair is vacant.

Troy Shifflett made a motion to nominate Lee Dearing as the new Vice Chair Person.

Colleen Grady seconded the motion

Voice Vote 4-0
Karen Jones, Chuck Morris, Colleen Grady and Troy Shifflett

Motion Carried Lee Dearing is the new Vice Chair Person

Troy Shifflett suggested that new metal signs on wooden post be placed at the cemetery. Lee Dearing asked if the funds were in the budget for new signs. It was confirmed that there was.

Lee Dearing made a motion to upgrade the signs at the cemetery
Chuck Morris seconded the motion

Voice Vote 5-0
Karen Jones, Lee Dearing, Chuck Morris, Colleen Grady and Troy Shifflett

Motion carried

Steve America Council Representative will present the request to Council for approval at the Council Meeting on Monday, November 19.

Troy Shifflett suggested the idea of a section of the cemetery be only for flat headstones. Colleen Grady asked if flat headstones were currently allowed. Troy Shifflett said yes that they are allowed. Colleen Grady then asked if that was the case then why would the cemetery need a special section for flat markers only? Troy Shifflett said that it was be easier for the Public Works Department mowing crew to have flat stones in 1 section. Troy Shifflett said that Eastlawn currently only offers the flat headstones. Karen Jones said that she had been approached by someone that was interested in a Mausoleum or above ground tomb. Lee Dearing said that he was also interested in an above ground. Lee Dearing suggested someone do research and take photos and present at the next meeting in January. Troy Shifflett said that he would research and report back at the meeting in January. Karen Jones reported she was also approached by someone regarding above ground cremations. This is referred to as a Columnbarium. Troy Shifflett will also research this option and present a report at the next meeting.

Lee Dearing made a motion to adjourn
Troy Shifflett seconded the motion

Voice Vote 5-0

Karen Jones, Lee Dearing, Chuck Morris, Colleen Grady, Troy Shifflett

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019

Karen Jones

Chairperson: Karen Jones

Vice Chair: Lee Dearing