

Lac du Flambeau Cemetery Committee Meeting

January 16, 2015

Present today: Bill Earl – LdF Bible Baptist Church, Pam Fraboni – LdF Presbyterian Church, Matt Gaulke – LdF Town Chairman and Teri Shaw.

No representative was present for Saint Anthony's Catholic Church. A letter of invitation was sent to Saint Anthony's, as well as a courtesy phone call to inform them of the meeting and the request for a representative from the church to be present.

John Brown - was not in attendance today.

Old business

Cemetery block markers: Most of the block and row markers have been installed. A few of the row markers do need to be installed in spring when we can verify their placement more accurately.

Cemetery log/map pages: Teri Shaw is still working on them. The Town received old documentation from previous sexton's daughter and Teri would like to go through it all before writing the final copy on the permanent maps/log pages.

Trimming trees/bushes: The Town road crew has been working on this and has done a wonderful job. They will continue to work on this in spring as needed.

Cemetery entrance: John Brown and George Thompson are to be working on designing a new entrance to the cemetery. The Town has not heard anything in regards to the progress. It was noted that the brick pillars currently at the entrance now will not be removed until the new entrance is ready for installation.

Flags: John Brown has replaced all of the tattered and missing flags in the cemetery last summer/fall. The new flags look very nice. There hasn't been any work done on the flag poles/flags that John Brown discussed having installed along the main drive. The Town has no new information regarding this project.

Veteran's monument: The Town road crew has removed all of the dead and overgrown trees in this area, saving the flowering crab tree. In spring Teri and the Pete, from the road crew will shape it up. There has not been any work to restore the Veteran's Monument at this date. The Town has no new information from John Brown and/or George Thompson on the plans for the monument or the planting beds surrounding the structure.

Well and pump: Teri called Hanser Well and Pump and was informed that the well/pump out at the cemetery has not been looked at in 2014. In fact Hanser Well and Pump didn't think that they have been out there to recondition the well/pump in 20 plus years. Teri was advised by them to call back in spring 2015 if the Town would like for them to service it.

Addressing the issue of dirt placement when digging graves: Matt Gaulke stated that he would talk to Scott Valliere, at the Tribal Water and Sewer Dept. , in regards to this issue. Discussion took place about how the graves have been getting dug. The Town has been contacting the Tribal Water and Sewer Dept. when a grave needs to be dug with as much notice as possible. Also, the Town does all the marking of where the grave is to be dug. This has currently been working very well.

New business

New Blocks: The Town is planning to open approximately five new blocks on the west side of the cemetery. Matt will contact Wilderness Surveying to have the blocks mapped out properly after the Town road crew clears the area. The Town will leave various large trees, removing dead and/or dying and the smaller trees and brush. Some large trees may have to be removed at a later date, after the surveying is completed if they are where the graves are located.

Cemetery Roads: The main road into the cemetery, along with the circle drive around the Veterans Monument are scheduled to be chip sealed in 2015. This action has been approved by the Lac du Flambeau Town Board. The Town road crew will also put down gravel on the remaining roads as needed.

There was discussion on supplying name plates on graves that currently do not have a permanent marker – marking only the graves that we have correct documentation for.

Teri will look into this project and will have the information to discuss at the next Cemetery Committee meeting in spring of 2015.

There was discussion that there should be copies of the cemetery logs made for each of the three Local churches and John Brown. These logs will be updated quarterly. Teri will supply these copies as soon as possible and update them quarterly.

The next Cemetery Committee meeting will be scheduled for April, 2015.