

## Lac du Flambeau Cemetery Committee Meeting

June 19, 2015

Present today: Matt Gaulke - LdF Town Chairman, Teri Shaw – Secretary, Pam Fraboni – LdF Presbyterian Church, Dave Ramsey – St. Anthony’s Church, Jim Valliere and John Brown.

Bill Earl could not attend today's meeting.

**CEMETERY BLOCK MARKERS:** The block and row markers have been installed. There is some concern in a few of the blocks – Teri and Pete need to go out and make sure the row markers are correctly placed. The burial sites are not in straight rows and we need to make sure that the site locations are correctly recorded on the final documentation. Teri/Pete will complete this as soon as possible. It was also brought up that the block/row markers need to be pounded down lower so they will be easier to read.

**CEMETERY LOG/MAP PAGES:** Teri has gone through all of the old material that she has been given and has been transposing all the information onto the permanent Cemetery maps. The computer logs are complete and have been kept current. There are a few Blocks that Teri needs to walk through again to confirm the information that burial placement has been correctly recorded before being permanently documented on the map.

**TRIMMING TREES/BUSHES:** The Town Road Crew has trimmed many of the trees/bushes but there are many more that still need to be trimmed. The Road Crew is down one worker so they will work on it when they can. When we go to mark a site for burial we do trim up any trees/bushes that need trimming in the immediate area.

**CEMETERY ENTRANCE:** John Brown and George Thompson are still working on the design for the entrance. Nothing will be removed until everything is ready to install and plant.

**FLAGS:** John Brown is going to install the three flag poles by the Veteran’s Memorial sometime this summer. He is waiting for the permit to dig the holes to be approved by the Tribe. The flag poles along the main driveway are still in the works and John Brown will continue to work on that. John Brown is also going to install a flag pole at the Presbyterian Church cemetery.

**VETERAN’S MEMORIAL:** The overgrown and dead trees were removed last year. The flowering crab tree still needs to be trimmed up. John Brown volunteered to trim up the flowering crab tree and is going to install the three flag poles. The planting beds around the monument have not been planted but John Brown and George Thompson are still working on designing the landscaping. The Veterans Monument has not been repaired yet as of this meeting.

**WELL AND PUMP:** The Town had Hanser Well and Pump service the well/pump early this spring. Teri went out there and noticed that the pump still would not draw water up from the well. Hanser Well and Pump came out and worked on it again and it now works great.

**NEW BLOCKS:** The Town will start clearing trees to open five new blocks this summer. Wilderness Surveying will map out, pin and record the blocks. These Blocks will not be used until a later date. The Town will try to concentrate on using up the available space in the existing Blocks first.

**CEMERTERY ROADS:** The main road through the cemetery, along with the circle drive are still scheduled to be chip sealed somewhere around the end of July beginning of August 2015. The Town Road Crew also is still scheduled to put down more gravel on the remaining roads. It was noted that the gravel not be applied to thick as to cause trouble with the mowers cutting grass.

Discussion took place on the mowing being done at the cemetery. Everyone agrees that the Bauman crew is doing a good job at maintaining the grass.

Discussion took place on the "Olde Square" Cemetery. It was noted that the cemetery is located on Tribal land and that there is very little documentation and/or records on it.

Discussion took place on where any possible documentation in regards to any of the Lac du Flambeau Cemeteries may be. It was noted that the area churches may have some records on file. Mr. Ramsey stated that he would check if St. Anthony's had any records available.

Discussion took place on the unknown graves and how they could be identified. It was noted that the name and date of death is engraved on a plate and attached to the burial vault on more recent burials.

Copies of the current cemetery logs were handed out. The maps will be supplied as soon as the final copies are finished. Current and updated material will be distributed at each Cemetery Committee Meeting.

It was noted that Al Bauman should receive a copy of all the logs/maps. Also, Al Bauman should be asked to join the Cemetery Committee.

The next Cemetery Committee Meeting will be scheduled for the fall of 2015.