

**Village of Skaneateles  
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery  
Regular Meeting – August 28, 2014**

Present: Robert Gray, President  
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner  
Gary Trenti, Commissioner  
Jorge Batlle, Cemetery Administrator

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Upkeep** – President Gray said that things were working well. – Seasonal Worker Delaney has had to leave because of family issues. His replacement is doing well. The signs have been put up and are in the correct locations. Comm. Blackler mentioned that some actions require the advance approval of the Board before implantation. The DPW and seasonal workers need to be aware of that. Pres. Gary reported that Tony LoBello will be finishing tree replacements within the next two weeks.

**Vandalism** – Pres. Gray noted that someone tried to break into the vault and stole the brass lock set. This has now been replaced and repaired. Additionally the Terry-Gillis mausoleum had an attempted entry; while not successful, a window was broken. Burt Jordan will replace the window.

**Seasonal Workers** – Dave Short is functioning as the unofficial foreman; setting work hours and schedules.

**Subdivision of lots in Section 11 A** – There are a number of 4 grave lots in 11 A but not many 2 grave lots. Mr. Batlle was briefed on this matter.

**Renner Graves** – The Renner family and the Village staff have concluded that even with the bushes removed, it is not possible to fit 8 graves within the plot. The Renners have proposed that it be retitled as a 7 grave lot and that they be refunded the cost of one grave. They have moved forward with their plans to install the bench. On motion of Pres. Gray, seconded by Comm. Blackler, the Board unanimously approved the refund of the price of one grave. Ms. Shappell should prepare a voucher in the appropriate amount after researching the price originally paid.

**Anderson Monument/Teachout Stone** – This matter devolved into a family dispute. Pres. Gray believes Mrs. Teachout has as many rights in this plot as Mrs. Andrews. The compromise solution was to have a flat marker placed for the daughter. It was discovered that Mrs. Andrews personally opened the grave and buried her daughter's ashes. There is no record of an opening or a foundation. She should be billed by the Village. Ms. Shappell should research the situation and determine the appropriateness of billing.

**Sheppard/Burrows Lot** – This was another dispute that has been resolved by Mr. Sheppard releasing the grave back to Mr. Burrows.

**Etheridge Bench** – This family owns 5 graves and is moving to Florida permanently. They had a stone bench at home that they wanted to move to the cemetery. In the absence of a meeting, Comm. Blackler approved their request. The Board ratified her decision.

**Trustee Liaison** – Trustee Jones was welcomed as Liaison to the Board.

**Additional Board Member** – The Board has reached out to a couple of local congregations for interested parties.

**Cemetery Administrator** – Mr. Battle was welcomed to this new position. In his first few days, he has cleaned up the desk, and in the process had discovered some old records. He has instituted an improved process for handling sales requests and is attentive to prospective buyers.

**Transactions –**

Section 11A, Lot 96, 2 <sup>nd</sup> west grave, non-monumented Deed 5, Book 9 Trust Deed 3271	David Graham 1212 Greenfield Lane Skaneateles, NY 13152
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Section 11A, Lot 236, 2 graves, monumented Deed 6, Book 9 Trust Deed 3272	Diedre Tait 4741 Rushmore Dr. Syracuse, NY 13215
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Section 11A, Lot 257, 1 <sup>st</sup> north grave, non-monumented Deed 4, Book 9 Trust Deed 3270	Rev. Stephen & Olga Hluchy 40 Songbird Lane Rochester, NY 14620
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**Next Meeting** – The Board discussed a revised meeting schedule for a different day of the week to avoid a persistent conflict for one of the commissioners. The Board decided to hold its regular meeting on the third *Tuesday* of the month at 9 am. Therefore the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 16, 2014 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon  
Clerk to the Boards