

**Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery
Regular Meeting – February 16, 2016**

Present: Patricia Blackler, Commissioner
Rob Gray, Commissioner
Mary Marshall, Commissioner
Susan Murphy, Commissioner
Susan Dove, Village Trustee
Jorge Battle, Cemetery Administrator
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

Absent: Gary Trenti, Commissioner

Mr. Dundon called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

Moment of Silence -- The Board observed a moment of silence to honor the passing of Chairman Robert D. Gray, Jr. on January 26, 2016.

Discussion regarding selection of Chairman -- Mr. Dundon explained the current makeup of the Board, including the fact that three commissioners serve three-year terms and three commissioners are serving one-year terms. Chairman Gray's term was scheduled to end in 2016. When discussion regarding selecting a Chairman began, the Board quickly reached a consensus position that Robert D. Gray, III should be designated Chairman. Comm. Blackler expressed the "need for experience." Comm. Murphy stated the selection to be a "no-brainer." Comm. Gray said he would be honored to "follow in his father's footsteps." **Comm. Marshall said, "I move that the Board selects Robert D. Gray III to be Chairman, to complete the term of Robert D. Gray Jr. Further, that the Board recommend to Mayor Hubbard that Chairman Gray be appointed to a new three-year term in April." Comm. Murphy seconded the motion.** Voting Aye were Comms. Blackler, Marshall and Murphy. Comm. Gray abstained. The motion was carried 3-0.

The Board agreed that it would consider a recommendation on a new member at its March meeting. Comm. Blackler expressed her intention to continue serving on the Board.

Upkeep –

- a. **Foundation/monument straightening** – Ch. Gray noted that the Rauscher and Pitman stones would be done in the spring.
- b. **Other** – Ch. Gray noted that the Tracy monument and bench had been completed.

Seasonal Workers – Ch. Gray noted that Burt Jordan had done a good job last season and he is hopeful that Burt and the helper that DMO Harty had hired would be returning for the upcoming season.

Cemetery Administrator – Mr. Batlle reported:

- The State Historic Preservation Office has acknowledged receipt of the application to place Lake View Cemetery on the National Register. They process the application and forward it to Washington when appropriate. It will take some time.
- That his application to the Pomeroy Foundation for a grant to install a monument to Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Crozier in Shotwell Park is making progress. Because of the extensive historical facts provided by Mr. Batlle, the foundation had deemed the grant to be for a regular marker, rather than a 'Legends and Lore' grant.
- That someone has inquired about placing a marker in the Quaker cemetery on Benson Road. This Board has authority over that cemetery. Mr. batlle will obtain more information if the person wants to pursue the matter. Comm. Blackler expressed preference for a flat marker.
- That he had located the original first minute books for Lake View Cemetery and is in the process of transcribing them. He indicated that these minutes reflect contention and controversy in the cemetery's early days.
- That the Tracy family is interested in acquiring more plots, specifically in the designated mausoleum spaces in Section 11B. If placed in areas except the corner locations currently reserved at either end of 11B, an upright mausoleum could block access to graves behind it. Construction of a mausoleum would have to be specifically approved by the Board.

A Village Minute... – Trustee Dove reported that Historian Batlle's historical moment was regarding the Lyric Circus. The Trustees have received input from the HLPC, the ZBA and the Planning Board, all recommending a ban affecting all parties on the continued placement of sandwich board signs. The Village will be issuing a press release regarding their elimination. CEO Crompt is encouraging that a comprehensive look be given to the sign ordinance. Trustee Dove's Downtown group has forwarded its recommendations on the expansion of metered parking to the Planning Board and on parking rates and regulations to the Trustees.

- Budget items** -
- **Trees in 11B** – These trees have all been planted this fall under the FYE 2016 budget. 10 shade trees and 4 crabapples were placed. Bushes should be included for FYE 2017.
 - **New mower** – DMO Harty will wait for spring. She plans to use some funds from this year's budget and some from next year's to cover the purchase
 - **Chapel sealing** – Ch. Gray will talk with Wayne Peters.

2015 Statistics – Deputy Clerk Shappell provided the following statistics for the year 2015:

- 43 grave openings
- 23 full burials
- 19 cremations
- 1 disinterment

Transactions –

Section 11B, Lot 526, 2 graves, monumented
Deed 25, Book 9
Trust Deed 3291

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Next Meeting – The Board confirmed that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 15, 2016 at 9:00 am. Comm. Blackler indicated she will not be available for the March meeting. Comm. Marshall indicated she will not be available for the April meeting.

This meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon
Clerk to the Boards

