

CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
4:00 P.M.

The following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board were present: Mr. Stephen Konz, Ms. Deborah Saroff, Mr. Eric Londeen, and Mr. Dennis Irvin (arrived later). Mr. Patrick Gormely and Mr. Lawrence Pollack were absent. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Eddie Eastes, Parks Superintendent, Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton, and Mrs. Buffy Woodward, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Londeen called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Saroff, seconded by Mr. Konz to approve the June minutes. On vote, motion carried 3-0.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler explained that revenue for Sunset Cemetery year-to-date was \$5,500; revenue for Sunrise Cemetery year-to-date was \$39,500.

The fall seeding has been completed. The two new Hustler mowers are working really well for Sunrise Cemetery. These mowers are strictly mowing machines, not to be used for snow or leaf removal.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Londeen explained Riley County's request for indigent burials. This year the State of Kansas ended its long-standing subsidy through SRS in support of indigent burials statewide. Counties are now obligated to pay burial expenses of unclaimed decedents. Riley County is requesting that the City of Manhattan discount its fees for burial lots and opening/closing services. Mr. Londeen said that he would like an ordinance regarding indigent burials and the set cost. Mr. Loupe stated that the City would be willing to allow lots to be used for indigent burials, but that the City would retain ownership of the lots. In doing so, there would be no need for an ordinance change. It was moved by Mr. Londeen, seconded by Mr. Konz, to recommend that the City give right to burial/inurnment with use of lot to unclaimed/indigent bodies upon receipt of a letter from the Riley County Coroner giving permission for disposition. On vote, motion carried 4-0. Discussion was held.

The meeting was adjourned. It was determined that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010.