

MINUTES
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 16, 1999
4:00 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board: Mrs. Alice Stockwell, Mr. Stephan Konz, and Mr. Dennis Irvin. Ms. Martha Gray reported later to the meeting. Mr. Don Rathbone, Mr. Eric Londeen, and Ms. Judy Atwood were absent at this meeting. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Office Manager.

Mr. Irvin called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Konz, seconded by Mrs. Stockwell to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 1999. On vote, motion carried 3-0.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler explained that the revenue, as of August 31, 1999, for Sunrise Cemetery was \$28,945 and for Sunset Cemetery was \$8,185.

Mr. Mohler explained that the graves have been seeded for the winter. The waterline extension has been completed in Section A at Sunrise Cemetery. The monuments that were vandalized have been reset and straighten and the cost to the City's was \$1,480.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Gray inquired about the status of the Singing Tower. Mr. Dishman explained that the information is in the hands of the Kansas State Foundation.

It was moved by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mr. Konz to have the Board submit a letter on the status of the Singing Tower. On vote, motion carried 3-1 with the no vote being Mr. Irvin.

Sunset Cemetery Fence

Mr. Dishman explained that the City Commission will be discussing the Sunset Cemetery Fence at their meeting on September 21, 1999. He explained that City Administration still supports the Cemetery Advisory Board's recommendation of a six-foot chain link fence with no openings.

Mrs. Stockwell inquired on how the Board could be more effective when addressing important issues. She read a letter to the Board that she had written (attached). Her suggestion was to consider having the Cemetery Advisory Board be responsible directly to the City Commission. Mr. Dishman explained that the Douglass Center Advisory Board no longer reports to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, but directly to the City Commission. The Board asked that research be done to see how many boards report to another board other than the City Commission. It was moved by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mr. Irvin to table Mrs. Stockwell's letter for further discussion. On vote, motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Konz abstaining.

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 1999.

Approved by Chairperson Cemetery Advisory Board

Date