

**MINUTES**  
**CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD**  
PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE  
April 18, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.

The following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board were present: Ms. Deb Saroff, Mr. Richard Akins, Ms. Melanie Nord, Mr. Nicholas Dyer, and also present was Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton.

Absent: Mr. Al Hamscher, Mr. Mike Carlson and Mr. Brian Waddington.

A. MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Nord, seconded by Mr. Akins to approve the January 31, 2019, minutes. On 4-0 vote, motion carried.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Saroff introduced Mr. Nicholas Dyer who is the newest member of the Cemetery Advisory Board. Mr. Dyer moved here from Nebraska and has previously worked with Mr. Carlson.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This meeting was the annual meeting for election of officers for the Cemetery Advisory Board. Ms. Deb Saroff made a motion to elect Ms. Melanie Nord as Chairperson and Ms. Melanie Nord made a motion to elect Ms. Deb Saroff as Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Mr. Richard Akins. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

E. SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler stated that revenue for the current year were as follows: Sunrise Cemetery \$17,375 to include sales and burials; Sunset Cemetery \$2,500 to include sales and burials. Mr. Mohler provided an annual report for January – March 2019 burials.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mohler provided a map and showed the board where the Natural Burial Section would be in the Cemetery. The natural area would be maintained. Mr. Mohler stated we are providing another option for people and if it is approved and people buy a space, they will be given the set of rules and will need to sign the document stating they understand all the rules. Mr. Akins asked if a person with an artificial limb could be buried. Mr. Mohler answered yes, we wouldn't ask someone to take off their artificial limb to be buried. Ms. Saroff asked if a pine box could go in the Natural Burial Section. Mr. Mohler answered yes, because it is biodegradable. It was moved by Ms. Saroff, seconded by Mr. Dyer, to approve the Natural Burial Section at Sunrise Cemetery and adopt the natural burial rules. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mohler stated that Mark Burges brought up a new type of burial vault to him. He stated is was guaranteed for 100 years and it's a seal vault and supports up to 1,200 pounds without dirt on it. Mr. Mohler stated this is a discussion for City Administration but wanted the board to be aware.

Mr. Akins brought to attention the entrance to Sunrise Cemetery in that is doesn't look very nice and it's hard for people to see the entrance from the road. Mr. Mohler stated he would look into it with Ms. Nord and work on some signage and bring their ideas back to the board in a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned.