

**MINUTES**  
**CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD**  
PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE  
July 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. Mike Carlson, Mr. Pat Gormely and also present was Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton.

Absent: Mr. Nicholas Dyer and Mr. Brian Waddington.

A. MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Saroff, seconded by Ms. Nord, to approve the April 18, 2019, minutes. On 4-0 vote, motion carried. Mr. Akins arrived after the vote was cast.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

C. SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler stated that revenue for the current year were as follows: Sunrise Cemetery \$43,975 to include sales and burials; Sunset Cemetery \$7,350 to include sales and burials. Mr. Mohler provided an annual report for January – June 2019 burials.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Nord stated the board is voting on the Natural Burial Section to offer another option to the City of Manhattan and that this board is not the final deciding vote. It was moved by Ms. Saroff, seconded by Mr. Gormely, to approve the Natural Burial Section at Sunrise Cemetery and adopt the natural burial rules as recommended by the Cemetery Sexton. On vote, motioned carried 4-1. This item will be forwarded to the City Commission.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mohler stated that due to utilities and permits, he is not able to move the gates of the entrance to Sunrise Cemetery closer to the road. He mentioned he has looked at cleaning up the corner near the street to possibly make the entrance more visible. Ms. Nord commented that maybe the board could do a virtual video or add pictures of the Cemetery on the City's website so people know where to find it. It was mentioned by several members of the board that they've heard from the public that Sunrise Cemetery is difficult to find. Mr. Akins mentioned it would be nice to add a rock wall to make the entrance more noticeable. Ms. Saroff stated that what is already there needs to be maintained first before building new or adding on. Mr. Mohler stated he would look into and explore City regulations and signage.

Meeting adjourned.