



**CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO**

240 Columbus Avenue

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SANDUSKY CEMETERY BOARD  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Members: Reverend Thom Darden, Deb Voltz, Harrison Smith, Steve Toft, and Secretary Kevin Zeiher. Reverend Thom Darden and Dennis Murray, Sr. were excused. In addition, Linda O'Malley and Andy Martin had resigned. A request was relayed through Elisabeth Sowecke to the City Commission to appoint a new Board member.

Also present was city Commission Liaison Member, Blake Harris, Services and Facilities Superintendent Scott Kromer, Cemetery Manager Dan Hedberg, Services and Administrative Assistant Elisabeth Sowecke.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Secretary Kevin Zeiher as acting Chair.

**MINUTES OF THE  
PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted on a motion made by Harrison Smith., seconded by Deb Voltz. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Finance Director Michelle Reeder submitted the Oakland Cemetery Financial Report for the Third Quarter of 2021. Mr. Smith moved to have the report placed on file and if anyone had questions, they could contact Ms. Reeder. Mr. Toft seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY MANAGER'S**

**REPORT:**

Mr. Hedberg provided an operations update and reported that all of the trimming was done for the season and leveling of the markers and seeding was underway. Part time worker Gary Holt had worked his last shift for the season, but at age 70 he was looking forward to returning next year. Ten dead trees had been removed and seven (7) of ten (10) arborvitae had been removed exposing the side of the chapel to the road and highlighting the exquisite stone work.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Services and Facilities Superintendent Scott Kromer reported on the progress of the placement and installation of the new niche. Pricing for the niche spaces will be the same as current niches.

In addition, an upgrade is planned for the current entrance sign to the cemetery. The seal of the City of Sandusky will be added to the top of the sign. This should facilitate the identification of the Oakland Cemetery as a property operated by the City of Sandusky.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kromer also reported that there had not been any progress on a New Mausoleum to report, other than studying the cost and potential design. Also, any changes to the Rules and Regulations pertaining to planting of trees in and around grave spaces was suspended for further study or the return of purchased grave spaces was being handled on a case-by-case basis.

City Commissioner Blake Harris mentioned that it was the intention of the City Administration to examine in the new year the Cemetery budget for changes in funding and expenses.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Deb Voltz, seconded by Steve Toft the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

The next meeting of the Sandusky Cemetery Board is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.**, in Commission Chambers, City Hall, unless other arrangements are announced.