

MINUTES OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AT OAKLAND CEMETERY

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Cemetery Commissioners site visit Oakland Cemetery.

Purpose of visit to look at adjacent property owned by the Assembly of God Church for possible expansion of the Oakland Cemetery, and review of large pine trees surrounding the cemetery.

Board Members present : Scott Page, Gerald Patch, Hugh Putnam

Also present : Public Works Director Jeff Strong and Cemetery Sexton Steve Knapp

Meeting started at 1:00 P.M.

Adjacent property was walked from stone wall bordering Assembly of God Church to the stone wall bordering the Gurney Sand pit property. Aprox. Size would be 950 feet long and 200 feet wide adding to section C of Oakland.

In reviewing the property Jeff Strong recommended having excavation companies look at the property for the cost of logging and leveling land, all present agreed.

All present agreed that it would be a good idea to have a discussion with the Assembly of God Church to get more details on the property and the possibility of a right of way for access to the property as there is not a good access point from within Oakland Cemetery.

Upon returning to section C of Oakland the review of the large pines shows several are in various stages of deterioration. Jeff Strong pointed out several trees that have rot and mentioned that most of the trees because of this would be of no value for lumber. Gerald Patch mentioned the possibility of having the trees chipped for fuel for the schools.

There is not good access to the large pines from the cemetery thus making it expensive to have them cut down. All present agreed that if the adjacent property was acquired it would be far easier and far cheaper to remove the large pines, possibly felling them right onto that property for removal. A recommendation was made to add an amount of money to the budget every year to deal with tree trimming and tree removal in the other sections of the Oakland Cemetery, trying to get a little bit done every year over the next several years as to not have the expense of all the work at one time.

Commissioner Hugh Putnam made a motion to acquire the adjacent property from the Assembly of God Church, Commissioner Gerald Patch seconded the motion and all members of the Commission present voted in favor. (Hugh Putnam, Gerald Patch, Scott Page)

Meeting ended at 2:00 P.M. motion made by Gerald Patch to end , second Hugh Putnam all present voted in favor.

Submitted by:



Scott Page, Chair