

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 5/31/2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Sheri Jandik motioned to open and call to order the meeting at 1:04 p.m. Second by Smith. Ayes: All. Motion approved. Please note Misti Kosman arrived at 1:10 p.m.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL Present for the Chairperson's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer, and Kimberly Smith. The public attending were Shiela Lepley and Erik Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. April 23, 2023 meeting minutes – Motion by Smith to approve the minutes. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. April 2023 People's Bank checking reconciliation – Jandik asked to be reimbursed for recording of acquisition survey map and requested the Clerk to cancel the check to Daran Becker for appraisal services and reissue the check which will be delivered in person by Jandik on Friday. Lawyer received a check for expenses for William "Bill" Willis, II dedication ceremony. Clerk was instructed to pay Chad Daniels for ½ of survey costs, noting the county will pay the other half as agreed upon December 12, 2019, confirmed August 14, 2020 and also May 23, 2023. Smith made a motion to approve the financials and discussion items. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: All Present Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Trimming – Smith reported that she and her son trimmed several trees that were hanging low and cleared much of the fence line at each of the cemeteries in anticipation of GPR services on May 24, 2023. Smith stated that there is more to be done, especially at Smith Cemetery.
2. Headstone Maintenance – Jandik reported that the timeline to set the headstones completed by Indianola Memorial Works will be in June.
3. Smith Cemetery access – Lawyer motioned to authorize Chairperson Jandik to execute the Purchase Agreement for land access to Smith Cemetery. Second by Smith. Ayes: All present. A timeline was discussed for items needing to be completed after the closing date. Chad Daniels will need to place stakes on both sides of the road in multiple places in order to continue with other work. Electric pole and water meter will need to be moved. Trees will need to be cleared. Jandik and Smith will obtain bids for both bulldozing and cutting for the tree removal needed.
4. Squaw Creek Township Logo – Jandik contacted the Township's Native American resident to inquire if they know a Native American artist willing to assist in creating a logo. Jandik will report her findings.

5. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for cemeteries – GPR was done on May 24, 2023. We have 72 red flags marking the centers of flags between the three cemeteries. One flag in particular, confirmed a historical tale of a Native American who was buried just outside the cemetery, although with the existing chain link fence, the Native American is on both sides. More research is needed to determine the historical facts. Trustees will need to identify which plots are known versus those that are unknown and order permanent markers. Discussion followed regarding the flag placement and mowing. Also, the GPR resulted in a few pre-purchased plots that will need to be relocated to empty plots, Lawyer motioned that the Township pay for the cost of re-recording. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present. Trustees also need to verify the availability of two purchased plots due to rows at Mt. Tabor not being the same distance apart. This will require measurements to be taken.
6. Fence Viewing Decision – Trustees discussed a variety of scenarios for the fencing issue and determined the items needed for the Order. Lawyer will complete the Order and circulate it to Trustees to ensure the correct information was included. Trustees set a special virtual meeting for June 13, 2023 at 6:45 a.m. to complete the fence viewing order. The Clerk will post the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Flag Purchase – Trustee Jandik acknowledged the purchase of American flags for the 3 cemeteries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Jandik shared that the Jefferson Highway Sociability Caravan would be passing through Squaw Creek Township on Highway 69. There will be plenty of cars to view.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – After discussing availability, future meetings will be July 5, 2023 at 1:15 p.m.; August 2, 2023 at 1:15 p.m.; August 30, 2023 at 1:15 p.m.; September 27, 2023 at 1:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Lawyer to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST: _____
Misti Kosman, Clerk