ELK RUN CEMETERY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting **6:00 pm August 26, 2009**
PRESENT:

Charlotte Shifflett
Lillian Nicholson
Joyce Stevens
Albert (Bill) Davis
Betty McGahey
Gerald Monger
Cathy Morrison

Excused Raymond Mowbray Lee Dearing/Council Representative

The meeting was called to order by Bill Davis/Chairman. Cathy Morrison led the group in prayer.

- A member mentioned Bobby Eppard's illness. He should still be able to mow after surgery.
- Reviewed the minutes. Please change 8.4 acres to 10.04
- Cathy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Betty McGahey.

Voice Vote = 6-0
Motion Carried

- Casey Billhimer was a guest and presented comments regarding the placement of a statue in honor of Adam Miller, early settler to the area.
  1) The Elkton Welcome Center Committee requests to be given permission to place a gray granite statue, approximately 8 ft. tall, in Elk Run Cemetery.
  2) Mrs. Sugharue remembers where the remains of Adam Miller are interred. They are located across from the Cover Mausoleum on "Flick Way". The committee members have requested to place the statue across from the mausoleum in the vacant green space
  3) Members of the EWCC would be available to meet one evening to confirm the location.
  4) Casey went on to note that 12 Confederate soldiers enlisted in war. They were killed or died and their bodies were never returned for burial. The committee requested to place 12 memorial stones for these Confederate soldiers, listing their names.
- **Closed Session**
- **Division of Cemetery Lot Sales and Grave Open/Closing**
  1) Table until next meeting
- **Elk Run Cemetery Sign at entry**
  1) Greenery is overgrown. It was planted by the Blue Ridge Garden Club. Rupie Nicholson was appointed to speak with the garden club members about the removal.
- **Rules Posted Signs**
  1) Language needs to be updated to include the latest revisions to By-Laws.

  Cathy Morrison made a motion to replace the language on the existing signs, seconded by Joyce Stevens.

  Voice Vote = 6-0
  Motion Carried
- Bill Davis appointed a committee to move forward with this project
  Cathy Morrison/Chair
  Charlotte Shifflett Betty McGahey
  Rupie Nicholson Gerald Monger

- Joyce Stevens felt the statue was being placed too far back in the cemetery. She suggested that someone be appointed to speak with Casey and have the site moved to the front of the cemetery near the flagpole. Maybe, the commission could compromise and place the memorial markers on the designated spot where Adam Miller remains are supposedly interred.
  Rupie Nicholson made a motion to place the statue in front and place the memorial markers at the site of Adam Miller remains. Cathy Morrison seconded the motion.
  Voice Vote = 6-0
  Motion Carried

- **Questionnaires**
  With the purchase of new land, roads will need to be named, in the future. "Downey Way" will not be considered at this time. If the Downey name is used members would like it to reference the elder Downey's (Pearl and Austin). Military road names are an option that has been mentioned.
- **Driveway**
  Bill Davis made a motion that Gerald be made Chair of a committee to obtain quotes to make a hard surface drive on the old road in front and continue up the side to join the exit in the old section. Charlotte will co-chair this committee.
- Ted Hayes, of the local Valley Banner, would like to see documentation noting" who controls the cemetery"; the Council or Cemetery Commission? Joyce Stevens has some legal documents relative to this issue and made an offer to share a copy.

  With no further to discuss, Joyce made a motion that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Cathy Morrison. The next meeting date will be announced.

Submitted by:
Charlotte Shifflett

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Bill Davis

Bill Davis/Chairperson

Charlotte Shifflett

Charlotte Shifflett/Admin. Secretary