

Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday 6/6/17 at 5:30PM, Meeting Room "B". Burlington Public Library

1. **Call to order:** 5:30 PM by Chairman Herb Price
2. **Present:** Paul French, Wendell Biggs. Herb Price, Steve Stoller, Michael Allen, Alan Mohr and Kenton Klenk
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of current agenda:** Okay by all
5. **Approval of minutes taken 4/4/17 meeting:** All approved as published with correction of Siefkin Family Plot spelling. Was corrected.
6. **Communication/correspondence:** Herb was called by Vera Anderson, a member of the Middletown Cemetery governing body, about the possibility of us permitting a burial in Old Middletown Cemetery. Because of the lack of information about unmarked graves it would be difficult for us to find an empty burial site at Old Middletown. We have not heard back.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. Chandler: trees down and removed in a work session. Since then, another downed tree.
 - B. Janssen Lawn Service work: 2 big trees and 2 small trees fell down and were removed at Round Prairie and tree removed at Northfield. \$250 invoice from Janssen for tree work submitted at Court House 5/8/17.
 - C. Tree limb removed at Old Middletown. We were not charged by the tree trimmer. Big thank you.
8. **New Business**

Discussed work needed in the cemeteries listed. Priority was placed on Chandler, Mathis, and Avery Cemeteries.

 - A. Chandler-work session scheduled Tuesday, June 20 to remove the downed tree. Will see if Mr. Peterson has equipment to remove larger tree sections versus cutting smaller hand lift-able sections.
 - B. Mathis Cemetery-Need to confirm sign was put up and move stones.
 - C. Avery -Stone straightening. Herb and Paul will do work during the week (No work session needed). Also talk on IAAP passes status by members

Other cemetery discussions/actions:

 - D. Round Prairie- mower said the road to the cemetery was in very poor condition and a tractor was needed to enter. Kenton was to call his brother who takes care of the roads in that area. Update: Per Kenton's conversation the road is private and low overhanging trees prevent taking a grader down the road. Herb was to contact the County based on the phone findings. Not sure of any actions based on call.
 - E Franklin Mills-Possible native vegetation. Still on hold waiting on Forestry Dept. Herb will contact Forestry Dept.
 - F. Linn Grove- Straighten stone. No action taking in meeting.
 - G. Old Danville-Contolled burn next year-monitor
 - H. Hukill-Stone repair/Fencing repair. Repairs done 5 yrs. ago did not hold-we will bring in the

stones and repair off sight. Injection grout may be out of date and have to order some new. No changes

I. Meyer- Herb will inspect.

J. Driskell – Steve checked. Poison ivy spray working. OK at this time.

K. Ingram-Staighten stones. No actions taken

L. Swedish Lutheran- Stone is leaning. Possible job for Guegler.

Next meeting in August

9. Adjournment: Motion made by Steve, seconded by Paul. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.