

# Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday July31, 2019 at 5:30PM, Aspen Grove Cemetery Meeting Room - Burlington, Ia.

1. **Call to order:** 5:00PM by Chairman Herb Price.
2. **Present:** Wendell Biggs, Herb Price, Steve Stoller, Alan Mohr, Paul French, Michael Allen and Mike Bloomer (Quorum Met)
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of current agenda:** Ok by all
5. **Approval of minutes taken 4/16/19 meeting:** OK by all
6. **Communication/correspondence:** None
7. **Old Business and updates:**
  - a. Avery-stone straightening. No activity- More D2 needed also. No action Taken
  - b. Sourwine-gate, need 53" opening. Large tree limb down. Paul, Herb and Wendell removed large portions of limb. Herb's wife's cousin took the stacked wood and finished cutting limb. Opening left open for access as one large stone needs reset with a lift machine/tractor. Cut up limbs carried outside the cemetery need to be chipped. Gate will then be installed when work completed.
  - c. Hukill-bring in stones and repair. No activity- No actions taken.
  - d. Ingram-Alan reports one stone might need repair in the future. Paul will examine No action taken
  - e. Spring Creek- To do-Finish Stone straightening.
  - f. Berry-Cemetery Inspection No action taken
  - g. Kingston- tree work. Jason Fidler estimate for \$1100 tree removal approved.
  - h. Old Danville-Burn again fall of 2019. Volunteer mulberry trees growth will need killing. No action taken.
  - i. Hazel Grove-Kenton got Joe Doss and the land owner together on access. Do we need better fencing? No actions taken as Kenton was not present.
  - j. Driskell, Siefken, and Meyer Family- Weed/Brush control. Open
  - k. Millersburg-Herb and Paul removed a downed tree limb. Needs brush killer applied.
  - l. Northfield- Brush killing when cooler weather. Open
  - m. Gallaher and Round Prairie-stone straightening. Open
8. **New business**
  - a. Shared last year's financial performance. We were approximately \$2K under budget last year. More money is in the new budget for tree work and D2. We are giving

attention to both tasks.

- b. Agreed formal meetings timings are adequate.
- c. Publicity for DMCPCC. Members were in favor--mentioned Mediapolis paper.
- d. Bylaw amendment-reviewed new wording. Members were in favor of the minor change. As per the bylaws, we will approve the changes next meeting.
- e. Chandler tree work- wind damage again. Paul, Herb and Wendell removed some of the limbs. Quote for \$700 received from Jason Fidler. Approved. Since meeting, Qty 3 trees have been removed. We still have 2 stones to reset, damage resulting from the downed limbs.
- f. Michael Allen reminded of us for the need to call 1-800-292-8989 (One Call) 48Hrs. before we do any digging deeper than 15".
- g. Tree work estimates for \$700 (Chandler) and \$1100 (Kingston) approved- Paul made motion, Alan seconded, all approved.

**9. Adjournment:** 6PM Motion by Paul, Second Michael. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**10. Next Meeting:** Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 5PM. At this time no date was set-we will notify by email. Work sessions will be called dependent on weather and work needed.