

MINUTES  
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 03/26/2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Start at Indian Valley Cemetery 22163 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Indianola, Iowa and move to 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

**CALL TO ORDER** – Trustee Sheri Jandik called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. at Indian Valley Cemetery.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL** - Present for the Clerk's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer, and Kimberly Smith. Bebe was present, but no other public was in attendance except for spirits of the decedents buried in the cemetery.

The Trustees met initially at Indian Valley Cemetery to review the driveway and gravel noting that the gravel seemed to go to the back fence but was covered with grass as was noted by Jandik and Smith when trying to set flags to map out a loop to create a flow of travel in the cemetery. Lawyer drove the would-be path that will serve as a loop through the southeast section of the cemetery but still allow for graves inside and outside the circle area. Jandik will try to find a historical aerial view that shows the gravel as it was originally laid. The Trustees and Clerk then drove to 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa and reconvened the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. February 26, 2025 meeting minutes – Motion by Jandik and second by Lawyer to approve the minutes. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. February 2025 People's Bank account reconciliations – Motion by Smith and second by Jandik to approve the account reconciliation reports. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
2. Invoices – no invoices.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Tree Trimming – Lawyer said that when schedules align, he and Sam will work on trimming Mt. Tabor trees. Smith said no trimming was needed at Smith Cemetery. It was then noted that the large tree at Indian Valley, which had broken a top fence rail, needed trimming back to the property line. Jandik stated that the tree belongs to the adjoining property owner but that the property had changed hands. Smith will check on a bucket truck to aid in the trimming of the Indian Valley trees. Smith noted that until the Indian Valley tree was trimmed/removed, there would be no point in replacing the broken top rail of the fence.
2. Entrance and Fencing – Lawyer presented information on a black powder coated galvanized steel 4'x6' panel fence that has a 40-year warranty and can be bolted to concrete footings. The price is \$272 each. Discussion followed with Lawyer saying that he will research an entrance arch to match the galvanized steel fencing and present the information at a future meeting. Next, the Trustees determined that Smith Cemetery should be the first cemetery for fencing and an entrance arch because the fence will be moved to accommodate the Indian buried outside the gate to move him inside the cemetery.

3. Headstone Maintenance/Purchases – Jandik reported that McCall Monument is ready to set the unknown monuments but that she was waiting on updated mapping from Sentry Mapping. Jandik will notify everyone of the possible dates for installation when they become available.
  - a. Native American Headstone – Lawyer presented bids for the Native American headstone with 1” margins and a size of 12x24 at \$600 and the 10x20 size at \$450. Discussion followed with a motion by Lawyer and second by Smith to approve not to exceed \$600 for the Native American headstone. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mowing bids for 2025 season – After reviewing 4 mowing bids, motion by Lawyer and second by Jandik to approve Redding Lawn Service at \$4,000 for the 2025 mowing season and executed the agreement. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Clerk was directed to email all submitted bids of the outcome.
2. Flying Township Trustee options – Trustees discussed Lawyer as the flying trustee and some fun things that could be done in the township. Lawyer noted that he would not be here for Easter but would consider participating in a different “Flying Township Trustee” holiday. Item tabled to the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.

**PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK** – Smith provided information so that a thank you could be mailed to the American Flag donors. The Clerk thanked the Trustees for attending and speaking about their roles within the township during the Warren County Trustee/Clerk open house at Middleswart Lodge.

**CONFIRM NEXT MEETING** – April 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Jandik to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Sheri Jandik, Trustee

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Steven Lawyer, Trustee

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Kimberly Smith, Trustee

**ATTEST:**

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Misti Kosman, Clerk