

Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

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To: Board of Commissioners
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The term for Martha Gascho expired at the end of 2009 and she asked not to be reappointed. She had served the Hamilton County Cemetery Commission (HCCC) for 20 years. The HCCC recommends Robert Goode of 281 Whispering Willow, Noblesville be appointed to take the place of Martha Gascho. Robert Goode is Operations Manager for the Riverside Medical Group and is very interested in the old cemeteries.

The HCCC has attempted for several years to get Arthur Gatewood to deed the Eller Cemetery to the county. After he died, Duke Energy purchased the property. After meetings with Duke Energy staff, they deeded the cemetery, plus a 30 foot parking area on the north side and a 20 foot wide access connecting to Wood Ridge Lane to the addition on the north.

The Flannagan Cemetery on Cumberland Road north of 96th Street was one of the first cemeteries HCCC considered to fence. This year the county surveyor completed a survey of the cemetery and the HCCC constructed a split rail fence. This fence was placed inside the west and north sides so not to damage large spruce trees planted many years ago. A split rail fence was used to blend in with property fences in the area.

The McCarty Cemetery in Jackson Twp. is located on land owned by Beck's Hybrid Seed Company. Herald Demaree met with Sonny Beck about getting the cemetery deeded to the county. Mr. Beck talked with family members and decided to keep things as they are. Giving access as land use changes to allow the Twp. Trustee to maintain it. At present there is a grass strip to access the cemetery.

The Mallott cemetery was covered by a cement slab and fenced years ago. The cement had broken and sunk down in the middle and the fence was in bad shape. Not knowing what might be exposed if the cement was removed, a form was placed out around the old cement and new cement was poured over the old. A new chain link fence was placed around the cement slab. The Jackson Twp. Trustee is working with the landowner to get the cemetery and a grass access strip deeded to the county.

Joe H. Burgess, President Emeritus

Herald A Demaree Martha Gascho Patricia B Gibbs Marion Hensley Michael Hartley

Kirkendall (Klingensmith) Cemetery Jason Bailey cleaned the cemetery and made a Kirkendall sign for the gate as a project for his Eagle Scout badge. The HCCC also removed a large dead tree along the west fence. We didn't want it to damage the iron fence.

The Bethel Cemetery was deeded to the county via a Quit Claim Deed, however the parcel maps did not include part of the cemetery. HCCC requested the county surveyor run a survey to determine the correct line. Joe Mullins, Land Surveyor found the deed did not follow the fenced area occupied by the cemetery. Darren Murphy is reviewing the problem to see what needs to be done to correct the deed.

The church that had the Strawtown Cemetery disbanded from the nearby church several years ago and the last two members of their cemetery board requested that our HCCC maintain the cemetery. Another group had taken over the church, but has no interest in the cemetery. The county owns the land on three sides. Darren Murphy is working to get the new church board to sign a statement that they have no claim on the cemetery so it can be deeded to the county.

The Anti-Slavery Cemetery – “The Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial” group in Westfield requested permission to upgrade their present memorial. Since the memorial is on the site where the old church stood and not in the cemetery itself, permission was granted. They installed a large cement base for three 20 foot flagpoles, for the U.S., Indiana and MIA flags. Several additional small bases to the West hold shorter flag poles for Legion, VFW, etc. flags. The 103 small crosses were replaced with larger crosses, with the name of the fallen veteran. Their base shows the date, unit and hometown. A Memorial Service was held on Flag Day, June 14th with the 103 mothers invited to attend.

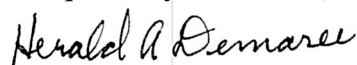
The Township Trustees or their representatives were invited to our April meeting. Seven of the nine townships were represented. Theresa Berghoff, observer and Cemetery Advocate from Indianapolis was also there. Darren Murphy attended and helped with the discussion. We reviewed the laws covering cemetery care by Counties and by Townships, plus new regulations about probing for stones, etc. in old cemeteries.

Herald Demaree attended the second annual County Cemetery Commission meeting in the State Library on July 11th. Only five of the 23 counties with cemetery commissions were represented.

The Forkner Cemetery was surveyed by the county surveyor and found the deed did not agree with the existing cemetery. It is offset 38 feet to the East. Darren Murphy is working on getting this corrected with the adjoining landowners.

The Burk (Burke) Cemetery has been surveyed and Joe Mullins the County Land Surveyor found that it had been set aside in the mid-1800's, but over the years as the property was willed to family members the exemption was dropped. Today it does not show on the current title. Darren Murphy and the HCCC are working to get this deeded to the county.

Respectfully Submitted,



Herald A. Demaree, President

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Financial Report for 2009 HAMILTON COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance brought forward, January 1, 2009		\$ 24,035.29
Receipts:		
	Annual Appropriation	\$ 22,500.00
	Interest	\$ 15.71
Disbursements:		
	Labor	\$ 8,647.00
	Trips	\$ 704.00
	Reimbursements	\$ 505.64
	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$ 29.75
	Reynolds Farm Equipment	\$ 150.67
	Central Tree Service	\$ 1,400.00
	Glidden Fence Company	\$ 4,206.00
	Tractor Supply	\$ 281.72
	Restore Mallott Cemetery	\$ 1,800.00
	Misc. supplies	\$ 125.70
	Research	\$ 30.00
	Postage	\$ 8.40
	Drain Charges	\$ 175.00
	Photo Prints	\$ 9.92
	Total	\$ 18,073.80
		\$ (18,073.80)
	Balance 30 October 2009	\$ 28,477.20
	Operating	\$ 23,254.73
	Reserve	\$ 5,222.47
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CEMETERY	MOWED times	TREES & SHRUBS	LEVELED BASE(S)	SET STONE(S)
Strawtown	13	X	3	
Hurlock	13		2	2
Buscher	13			
Hammack (LaMong)	10			
Phillips	10			2
Greenwood	10			
Klingensmith	10	X		
Flanagan	8	X		
Thos. B. Moore	6			
Burke	4			
Teeter	1			
Lennen	10			
Bradley	6			
Finch	10			
Henry Gasho	6			
Mappes	8			
Burris	4			
Faucett	4		1	1
Little Carey	1			
Gascho		X		

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