

## **Otsego Lake Township Cemetery Advisory Committee September 18, 2007**

The Otsego Lake Township Cemetery Advisory Committee held an organizational meeting on September 18, 2007 at the Otsego Lake Township Hall. The meeting started at 5:45 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Mary Brown, Otsego Lake Township Trustee, Dianne Newman and Nora Corfis

The committee reviewed the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery Advisory Committee By-Laws. Mary Brown moved to accept the By Laws. Dianne Newman seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The members present will serve a three-year term, ending December 31, 2009. Trustee Brown informed the Committee that its budget for the 2007 fiscal year is \$7,500.

An election of officers was held. Dianne Newman moved to nominate Nora Corfis as Secretary, Mary Brown as Vice Chairperson, and Dianne Newman as Chairperson. Mary Brown seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

There was discussion regarding the status of the pending purchase of property that is adjacent and to the north of the cemetery. The Committee was in agreement that this would be a desirable acquisition. Dianne Newman moved to recommend to the Township Board purchase of this property, at a price to be determined by the Board. Mary Brown supported, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Committee agreed to meet at the Township Cemetery on Friday, September 21, 2007 at 6:30 pm. The following items will be reviewed and considered at this time:

1. Possible removal of a tree along the eastern entrance
2. New locking system for well pit cover
3. Lighting for the flag
4. Fence repairs
5. Additional water outlet
6. Removal of garbage near well pit
7. Condition of older headstones
8. Condition of cemetery sign along Old State Road

The Committee discussed other matters that were of concern. They include the evaluation of the fees presently being charged for lots in the cemetery. It was agreed that the Committee would review the charges in other communities in our

area, and report back. Nora Corfis asked if an amount could be budgeted for flowers and delivery of mulch to the cemetery garden.

Dianne Newman reported on her progress in creating an updated card file of those interred at the cemetery and the lot numbers. Some of the older Township records are missing, and she is researching the County records.

The Committee also discussed finding additional members by advertising in the Otsego Lake Township newsletter and web page.

The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery Advisory Committee will be held at the Township Hall on November 1, 2007 at 5:30 pm.

Chairperson Dianne Newman adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora Corfis". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Secretary