

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Committee The Cemetery Committee is presently co-chaired by Donald Stauffer and John Bell. Committee members include: William Spacht, Frank Woods, Scott Garman, Robert Singer and Thomas Reinfried as Council Representative.

Programs The committee experienced a major shakeup when its former Superintendent resigned last September. We are attempting to carry on the programs initiated by him as best we can. We could use several more committee members, especially persons who are available during the day and are willing to take the responsibility of locating grave sites and marking them for the grave digger. Our goal is to have as many of our members trained in locating grave sites as possible so that when one or more of the committee members are unavailable, someone else is trained to do the job.

A number of single grave plots added to the end of all rows in Sect. E along Spruce Street have been approved for two burials provided that at least one of the burials be a cremation. Only three of these plots have been sold so far. Since January of 2008, 10 grave plots have been marked for interment.

Goals Several situations have arisen in which a grave site needed to be located and the name on the deed was not the same as the person for whom the grave site was intended. This makes trying to locate the site, mark it off, and have the grave dug within a short period of time (sometimes less than 48 hrs.) very difficult and stressful. I would like to have the names of persons who are intending to use a site that might be deeded to a person whose name is different from their own. If we could include these names in our records, it would make locating a grave a site a lot easier.

As fewer cemetery lots are available to be sold, money for the upkeep on the property will become increasingly more difficult to come by. A plan has to be formulated for the day when expenses exceed income.

We would also like to be able to locate more of the markers presently covered by several inches of dirt and grass. A project for the coming year might be to locate more of these markers.

Since we have few meetings during the year, there has been no meeting since John Bell and Don Stauffer have taken over the leadership of the committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2008.