MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANDUSKY CEMETERY BOARD WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL AT OAKLAND CEMETERY SANDUSKY, OHIO

PRESENT:

Members: Chairman Darden, Linda O'Malley, Harrison Smith, Matt Leser, Andy Martin, and Secretary Kevin Zeiher.

Also present was City Commission Liaison Member Dave Waddington, and Cemetery Manager Dan Hedberg.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M. by Chairman Darden.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting had been circulated and were approved as submitted on a motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Martin. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no financial report as City Treasurer Hank. Solowiej was not available.

CEMETERY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Cemetery Manager Dan Hedberg reported that mowing had been sporadic due to the hot, dry weather, however trimming has continued unabated. Leveling of headstones, removal of three (3) ash trees and watering have been the primary activities. The Maintenance III manager has returned after six (6) weeks off due to back surgery and Mr. Hedberg's elbow problems have not been addressed due to a delay in the handling of his worker's compensation claim.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Hedberg reported that it appears that the bee problem in the chapel has taken a positive turn with some of the hive leaving the chapel walls and swarming around their queen on a nearby tree. The bee expert was contacted and the swarming bees were removed.

Mr. Hedberg reviewed with the board the current pricing structure for Saturday, Sunday and holiday burials and recommended an increase for Saturday from \$220.00 to \$400.00 and for Sundays and holidays from \$330.00 to \$500.00. This increase would be in addition to the usual opening and closing and grave space charges. After much discussion a motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the recommendation, which was seconded by Mrs. O'Malley, motion carried.

The board also revisited the proposal introduced by Mr. Smith at our last meeting to suspend any charges for grave spaces for infant burials. After discussion the matter was tabled for the next meeting to permit Mr. Hedberg to survey surrounding cemeteries and funeral home directors and discuss the proposal with city authorities and then report back at our next meeting on October 26, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hedberg reported that twenty-five (25) trees had been planted at the cemetery with funds obtained from a grant. In addition two seasonal workers had been added bringing the total to six (6

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Leser, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

The next meeting of the Sandusky Cemetery Board will be held **Wednesday**, **October 26**, **2016** at **4:00 P.M.**, at the Chapel at Oakland Cemetery.

Kevin J. Zeiher, Secretary