

Portland Mills Cemetery Newsletter – 2016

The annual meeting of Stockholders of Portland Mills Cemetery was held on June 5, 2016. President, Carolyn Smith Collins called the meeting to order.

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting, Jun 1, 2015. The minutes were approved as read.

Todd Hopkins, Treasure, gave the treasures report.

Expenses	\$ 6,874.37
Income	\$ 2,398.66
Bank Balance	\$ 5,309.06
Endowment CD	\$ 66,000.00

The Treasure's Report was approved as read.

A new John Deere mower was purchased and the old mower was sold. There were many compliments on the beauty of the cemetery grounds.

Harold had information on the expense of filling in the cracks in the cemetery driveway. The estimate was \$650 from Matt Hessler of Covington. Because they do not live close to the cemetery, he would have to charge more. There is a compound that could be bought to fill the cracks that we could do ourselves. We might try that. First, Harold will spray to kill the weeds in the cracks.

Roslyn Sodora contacted Carolyn with information on restoring the old stones. If anyone is interested in restoring their family tombstones, the company is Graveyard Groomers.

Todd and Sandy Hopkins made up Thank You notes with a picture of the cemetery on them. A thank you note will be sent to those who donate to the cemetery.

Harriett Weatherford and Naomi Allee said they have some deeds for gravesites that they are not going to use and they would like to return them to the cemetery. Cy will work with them to do that. They would also like information to purchase a tree and plaque for that tree. They will discuss their options with Cy and Carolyn.

Harold said the pear trees, across the back of the cemetery, need to be trimmed so that he can mow under them. Permission was given to trim them.

The mulching will be done soon. There are some holes in the cemetery that need to be filled with dirt that he will take care of.

Harold reported that there are posts that could be used to replace the bumper curbing on the driveway, which might make it easier for mowing. It was discussed and the expense that it would be to make the change. The decision was made to table the discussion at this time. He will spray Roundup near the curbs to kill the unwanted grass and weeds that cannot be reached with the mower.

There was one burial since our meeting a year ago.

Wendell Ray Raney March 5, 2016

You can access the Portland Mills Cemetery at www.portlandmills.com. The site is a great source of information on all who are buried at the Portland Mills Cemetery and the Old Seceder Cemetery.

Donations to the cemetery are always welcome. We operate the cemetery on donations, sales of lots and the interest earned from the Endowment Fund. The Endowment fund is only used in emergencies. All donations are tax deductible. Please send your donations to Todd Hopkins, 3214 N 1200 E, Russellville, IN 46175.

An election was held. Each, Harold Thomas, Grounds Keeper, and Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary, were elected to a 2-year term.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2017, at 2 p.m. There were 21 present this year and we look forward to seeing even larger attendance next year. We hope you will join us in 2017 as we discuss the business of the cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned.

President Carolyn Smith Collins – 765.592.5205

Vice President Dan Harbison

Secretary Janet Spencer Barr

Treasurer Todd Hopkins

Grounds Keeper Harold Thomas