

Portland Mills Cemetery Newsletter – 2023

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of Portland Mills Cemetery was held on June 4, 2023, at 2 p.m. There were 18 in attendance.

Carolyn Smith Collins, President, called the meeting to order.

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting, Jun 5, 2022. Sandy Hopkins, Treasurer, read the Treasurers report. The 3 CDs were switched to Edward Jones where there were better rates than the bank had to offer.

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| Expenses: | \$ 3,832.20 |
| Income: | \$ 4,072.96 |
| Bank Account Balance: | \$ 5,668.76 |
| Mutual Funds | \$24,837.94 |
| Endowment Fund CD's: | \$66,000.00 |

Harold Thomas gave a report on the cemetery grounds. The mulch has been put down on the flower beds. His son-in-law, Jim, and his two grandsons have been doing the mowing. The mower is doing great. He had to replace the mower deck wheels. He was asking for help in cutting back weeds along the tree line. Todd has offered to help with that. As always, the cemetery grounds were beautiful.

Dan Harbison, Vice President, reported that there was one burial in the past year.

James Allison – 11-21-2022

Dan brought up for discussion having a backup for the grave marking for a burial. Also, he reported that the company we use for digging graves for the cemetery may not be available in the near future. Heather Malicoat will do research on finding someone for a backup for those two jobs.

There was a discussion on increasing the amount for purchasing lots and beds for those who have no family or friends in the area, or do not have a permanent address in the area. It was tabled until next year.

Because of the increasing cost of mailing meeting notices and the newsletter it was determined that we need to move to the internet for the cemetery information. The vote was unanimous to do so. That information can be found on the Portland Mills Cemetery website. The minutes from the yearly meetings will be posted there. In those minutes, you will find the date and time for the next annual cemetery meeting. **It is always the first Sunday in June at 2 p.m.** at the Portland Mills Christian Church. Also, Heather Malicoat is setting up a Portland Mill Cemetery group Facebook page which will be open to the public.

Below is the information that you want to make note of.

The website for the cemetery is below. On the website you will find so much information on the cemetery. You will find the minutes from the meeting each year and by clicking on the many options on the left of the screen you will find a wealth of information on what goes on at the cemetery.

<https://portlandmills.com/>.

The Portland Mills Cemetery Facebook group page.

The annual meeting is always on the first Sunday of June at 2 p.m. at the Portland Mills Christian Church.

Janet Spencer Barr retired as Secretary and Heather Malicoat offered to take the job. A big Thank you to Heather. It is much appreciated. It was an interesting 10 years and I enjoyed getting all of the History of Portland Mills Cemetery from 1898 to present put on the computer and in print. It was informative.

Elections were held. Elected for 2-year terms were - Todd and Sandy Hopkins, Treasures, Heather Malicoat, Secretary, and Harold Thomas, Grounds Keeper.

Donations are always appreciated. They should be sent to Todd Hopkins, 3214 N 1200 E, Russellville, IN 46175.

The next Stockholders meeting will be held on June 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Portland Mills Christian Church.

Carolyn Smith Collins, President – 765-592-5205

Dan Harbison, Vice President

Heather Malicoat – Secretary

Todd and Sandy Hopkins, Treasures

Harold Thomas, Grounds Keeper