

Portland Mills Cemetery Newsletter – 2018

The annual meeting of Stockholders of Portland Mills Cemetery was held on June 3, 2018. There were 19 present.

President Carolyn Smith Collins called the meeting to order.

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting, June 2, 2017. The minutes were approved as read.

Todd Hopkins, Treasurer, gave the treasures report.

Expenses:	\$ 8,689.49
Income:	\$ 3,097.53
Bank Account Balance:	\$ 5,998.54
Endowment Fund CD's:	\$ 66,000.00

The Treasure's Report was approved as read.

The driveway was repaired. Dan and Todd replaced two foundations that had crumbled. A big thank you for doing that work. It is appreciated.

Because we need to protect the old documents of the cemetery, we need to go from a medium to a large lock box. A motion was made by Judy Hazlett Ritter and seconded by Judy Walz to rent the large box. The motion was carried. It will cost \$30, \$10 more than the medium size box.

A motion was made to add Sandy Hopkins to be Assistant Treasurer so that she is able to help with the banking and business of the cemetery. Pat Spencer Marrero made a motion to add Sandy and it was seconded by Janet Spencer Barr. The motion was carried.

An Oak tree has died along the edge of the cemetery near the road. Mike Spencer had questions about replacing the tree with a new tree in memory of his father. Dan offered to help remove the dead tree and help to plant the new tree if that will work for Mike. They will check the best way to replace the tree but would not do it until fall.

The trees on the drive are now meeting over the drive. It was discussed as to whether they need trimmed as some vehicles may be tall enough to touch the leaves. It was decided to not do anything about that at this time.

Stephanie gave Harold's report on the grounds. There are major holes in the deep part of the new section of the cemetery. It is hard to mow over them. Todd said he will look at it and decide what needs to be done.

There were three burials since our last meeting a year ago.

Norma Jean Sauter
Michael Guerrettaz
John Charles Kessinger

After 42 years of working with the cemetery and being the person (Marker) who would find the grave site when there needed to be a burial, Cy Harbison has retired. He has turned this job over to his son and grandson, Dan and Alex Harbison. Cy was also Secretary for 37 years. Cy is truly a walking history of the Portland Mills Cemetery and the surrounding area. We give a huge Thank You to Cy for his years of service to the cemetery.

David Marrero is making some changes to the Portland Mills Cemetery website. If you go to the website and click on [HOME](#) you will see instructions on how you might be able to help him with adding pictures. The website is portlandmills.com.

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 and Sandy Hopkins, 3214 N 1200 E, Russellville, IN 46175.

An election was held for Harold Thomas, Grounds Keeper, Todd and Sandy Hopkins, Treasurers and Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary. A motion was made by Don Roberts and seconded by Pat Spencer Marrero to elect them to terms of 2 years. The motion carried.

The meeting next year will be on June 2, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the Portland Mills Christian Church.

The meeting was adjourned

Carolyn Smith Collins, President – 765.592.5205

Dan Harbison, Vice President

Janet Spencer Barr, Secretary

Todd and Sandy Hopkins, Treasurer

Harold Thomas, Grounds Keeper