

**MINUTES**  
**CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD**  
PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE  
January 16, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

The following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board were present: Ms. Melanie Nord, Ms. Janet Dean, Mr. Richard Akins, Mr. Pat Gormely, Mr. Nicholas Dyer, Mr. Brian Waddington and also present was Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton, Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent, and Caron and Mark Berges from Valley View Memorial Park.

Absent: Mr. Mike Carlson.

A. MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Waddington to approve the October 17, 2019, minutes. On 6-0 vote, motion carried.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

C. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Janet Dean is the newest Cemetery Advisory Board member. She shared that she is from California but has lived in Manhattan since 1993.

D. SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler stated that revenue for the current year were as follows: Sunrise Cemetery \$80,176 to include sales and burials; Sunset Cemetery \$12,750 to include sales and burials. Mr. Mohler provided an annual report for January – December 2019 burials.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mohler stated the Natural Burial Section is still in the hands of the City's Legal Department and Staff is working on proper wording and mentioned it might just be a policy change. Mr. Smithson commented it could just be a consent item. If it goes to City Commission, it could potentially be changed, and the Cemetery Board would be notified if it is. Mr. Mohler is hopeful that Legal will be done with the item soon.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Deb Saroff, Vice Chair for the Cemetery Advisory Board, has recently left so a new Vice Chair needs to be elected. Ms. Dean nominated herself to be elected as Vice Chair. On 6-0 vote, motion carried.

Mr. Akins asked how the public would know about the Cemetery having a Natural Burial Section. Mr. Mohler stated it would be posted on the City's website and would also be passed around by word of mouth.

Meeting adjourned.