

Hamilton County Cemetery Commission

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To: Board of Commissioners
Hamilton County, Indiana

The term of Herald Demaree expires at the end of 2011. The Hamilton County Cemetery Commission (HCCC) recommends that he be reappointed and he agrees to serve for another term.

At our first organizational meeting Herald Demaree was elected President, Marion Hensley Vice-President and Patricia Gibbs Sec/Treasurer. Joe Burgess, President Emeritus has continued to work on the William Winship Conner descendants and has located most, if not all of them.

The Old Friends Cemetery, Herald Demaree, Marion Hensley and Robert Goode met with Mayor Andy Cook and Park Director, Melody Jones and after much discussion were given the New Revised Development Plan. We went to the cemetery to better understand their new plan and after the discussion were ask when the cemetery commission could approve their plan. Having a 3-member quorum present, a special meeting was called to order and we gave our approval. The bike path goes along the south side of the cemetery and not across it. The walking path around the interior of the cemetery is covered with fine crushed stone, rather than paved. The two drinking fountains were placed along the bike path rather than in the cemetery.

The Pleasant View Cemetery was deeded to the HCCC, so a Quit Claim Deed was signed giving it to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. The County Highway moved the gazebo to a county park and removed the cement base. The Township Parks Dept. removed the picnic table and HCCC removed the park sign. This returned the area to a cemetery again.

A Quit Claim Deed was received from the Heartland Church giving the Burk Cemetery to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. The cemetery is along the north side of Interstate I-69 and next to Prairie Baptist Road south of 141 Street. That section of Prairie Baptist Road is closed. The Noblesville Street Department was contacted and they put several truckloads of crushed stone, filling large chuckholes to maintain the road. The Street Department placed their lock on the gate and gave keys to HCCC. Plans call for fencing the cemetery next year.

A Quit Claim Deed was received from Irving Materials clearing the north side of the Bethel Cemetery not included in the original deed.

Herald A Demaree President	Marion C Hensley Vice-President	Joe Burgess, President Emeritus Patricia Gibbs Sec/Treasurer	Michael Hartley	Robert L Goode
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The interest from a \$10,000 trust fund was willed to the cemetery commission to be used to place flowers on several family graves in the Hurlock Cemetery each year. The cemetery commission voted to refuse the money and the trustee for the fund was notified.

A Quitclaim Deed was received from the Trustee of the Union Literary Institute as successor to the Anti-Slavery Cemetery in Westfield. The cemetery has been surveyed and there is a deed overlap to the North and the West end of the cemetery is not covered in this deed. This will need to be worked out with the owner to the North and the City of Westfield to the West.

A survey has been completed for the Strawtown Cemetery and a Quit Claim Deed was received from the adjoining church. Work on a Quiet Title Deed is underway.

A Quitclaim Deed was received from Walz Investment Corp. Inc. dated 27 October 1976 for (what was thought to be) the Greenwood Cemetery. The HCCC has taken care of the cemetery since that date. A survey was completed and the 22 x 24 foot tract (from Walz) is to the East of the 132 x 56.5 foot tract for the cemetery recorded for the Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends Church. The State and National office for this church will be searched to see if they have any information for it.

The Township Trustees were invited to attend the April 20th HCCC meeting and seven of the nine townships were represented. Darren Murphy talked about the Indiana cemetery laws and the trustees talked about some of their problems.

The Hurley Cemetery was surveyed with the plot date 02-25-2011. Herald Demaree and Robert Goode met with Lawrence Duvall, one of the adjoining landowners. Mr. Duvall objected to our wanting to fence the cemetery, however when we pointed out that the earliest date was 1858 and would come under the care of the Township Trustee. The Care by Township Trustee law required it be fenced.

Received a letter from Mike Smith, Dixon CA saying he had found his G-g-g-grandfather was buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery and the stone for his wife was missing and he wanted to replace it. In checking the cemetery records a copy of a Quieting Title was found giving the cemetery to the Washington Township Trustee in 2008. A copy of the letter was sent to the Twp. Trustee and he said he would allow Mr. Smith to place a stone in the cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herald A Demaree

Herald A Demaree, President

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Financial Report for 2010 HAMILTON COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance brought forward, January 1, 2010 \$ 28,930.79

Receipts: Annual Appropriation \$ 22,500.00
Interest \$ 18.50

Disbursements:

Labor \$ 8,721.00
Trips \$ 752.00
Reimbursements \$ 541.39
Bureau of Motor Vehicles \$ 24.75
Reynolds Farm Equipment \$ 314.93
Misc. Charges \$ 116.28
Tractor Supply \$ 139.98
Schwartz Trailer Sales \$ 497.10
Misc. Supplies \$ 38.45
Postage \$ 8.80
Drain Charges \$ 421.34

Total \$ 11,576.02 (\$11,576.02)

Balance 31 October 2011 \$ 39,873.27

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CEMETERY MAINTENANCE 2010

CEMETERY	Mowed	Cut Trees	Clean fence line	Hauled brush off
Strawtown	12			
Hurlock	14			1
Buscher	10			
Lennen	3			
Burk	6		1	
Flanagan	7			
Klingensmith	7			1
Greenwood	5			
Lamong/Hammack	7			1
Phillips	9	2		1
Mappes	6			
Finch	6			
Thos. B. Moore	5	2		1
Henry Gascho	6			
Bradley	6			
Faucett	3			
Little Carey	4			
Burris	3			
Teeter	2			
Pleasant View	9			1

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