

HAMILTON COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

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4 December 2007

To: Board of Commissioners
Hamilton County, Indiana

Herald Demaree was appointed to another term on the Cemetery Commission by the Hamilton County Commissioners. At our first organizational meeting Herald Demaree was elected President, Martha Gascho Vice-President and Patricia Gibbs Sec/Treasurer. Joe Burgess is continuing to work on the William Winship Conner descendants so we can obtain a deed to the Weaver Cemetery for the county.

February 22, 2007 an auto accident damaged the fence at the Hurlock Cemetery in the amount of \$570.00 damage. With the help of Darren Murphy, Assistant County Attorney the repairs were paid by the insurance company for the car that caused the accident.

Two stones were reported toppled over at the Weaver Cemetery. In trying to get them reset by the Noblesville Monument Company the Noblesville Twp. Trustee became irritated that someone was bothering "Her Cemetery" and had Thomas Pitman with Baker & Daniels LLP law firm inform me that the Trustee has exclusive jurisdiction regarding the maintenance of cemeteries within the Township. Mr. Pitman was informed that this Cemetery Commission also operated under Indiana Law IC 23-14-67 and that we worked with the Township Trustees in caring for these old cemeteries.

Melissa Dashiell and Bart Griesenauer with the County Auditor's Office attended the April 17th Cemetery Commission meeting to better understand the problems with mapping and identifying the older cemeteries within Hamilton County.

Dr. Robert McCullough, Director of Archaeological Survey at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne contacted the Cemetery Commission wanting to do Ground Radar Surveys on old cemeteries so their students could be certified to do that type of survey. On July 24th students from I.U.-Purdue Fort Wayne completed a Ground Radar Survey on the Pleasant View Cemetery. This shows nine burial sites in the open area south of the County Road 202 and ten burial sites in other parts of the cemetery. They also completed a Ground Radar Survey on the Colip Cemetery north of Strawtown. These surveys were completed at no cost to the County Cemetery Commission.

At a meeting of County Attorneys Michael Howard and Darren Murphy with Washington Township Trustee David Gill and his attorney, Mr. Gill agreed to give up his claim to the Pleasant View Cemetery. The Consent to Transfer of Real Estate was signed on July 31, 2007 and recorded on August 6, 2007 transferring the Pleasant View Cemetery to the Hamilton County Cemetery Commission. Our work crew cleared the trees and brush from the fence line around the cemetery grounds. At the November 14th meeting papers were signed to convey the cemetery to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners.

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Also, at this meeting the Cemetery Commission agreed to have Glidden Fence Company build a fence around the entire cemetery using some materials from the existing fence within the cemetery. Driving by the cemetery on December 8th the fence appears to have been completed despite the snows.

The term for Richard Mallery expires at the end of 2007 and he asked not to be reappointed due to health and age problems. He has served since July of 1981. The Cemetery Commission has recommended Michael Hartley of Arcadia be appointed to take Mr. Mallery's place on the Cemetery Commission. He is a mortician with the Hartley Funeral Homes in Arcadia and Cicero and has been helping to care for two cemeteries in the county.

Respectfully submitted,

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Financial Report for 2007 HAMILTON COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance brought forward, January 1, 2007 \$ 26,109.67

Receipts:

Annual Appropriation \$ 19,000.00

Interest on Checking Account, 30-Nov-07 \$ 260.35

Sub-total

Disbursements:

Labor \$ 14,171.00

Trips \$ 1,152.00

Reimbursements \$ 495.16

Bureau of Motor Vehicles \$ 24.75

Postage \$ 16.40

Reynolds Farm Equipment \$ 950.22

Farm Plan \$ 40.10

Glidden Fence Co. \$ 570.00

Central Tree Service \$ 350.00

Bank Fee & checks \$ 78.42

Sub-total \$ 17,848.05 \$ (17,848.05)

Balance, November 30, 2007 \$ 27,521.97

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CEMETERY MAINTENANCE 2007

NAME of CEMETERY	MOWED (No.)	TREES & SHRUBS	RESET STONE	CLEARED OLD FENCE
Strawtown	X(14)			
Hurlock	X(14)			
Buscher	X(14)			
Hammacl (Lamong)	X(12)			
Philips	X(12)			
Greenwood	X(10)			
Klingensmith	X(12)		X	X
Lamong	X(10)			
Burke	X(10)			
Teeter	X(3)			
Lennen	X(10)			
Bradley	X(5)			
Finch	X(10)			
Henry Gasho	X(8)			
Moppis	X(8)			
Burris	X(3)			
Faucett	X(6)			
Little Carey	X(4)			
Pleasant View		X		X
Mt. Pleasant		X	X	X