

Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission  
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday 12/20/16 at 5:30PM, Southeast Corner Mtg Rm. Burlington  
Public Library

1. Call to order: 5:30 PM by Chairman Herb Price
2. Present: Paul French, Wendell Biggs, Herb Price, Steve Stoller, Alan Mohr, Kenton Klenk and Michael Allen
3. Public Input: None
4. Approval of current agenda: Okay by all
5. Approval of minutes taken Tuesday 5/17/16 meeting: All approved as published
6. Communication/correspondence:
  - A Per email, Stacy Bliesener has moved out of state and will not be a member. Thanks Stacy for your past contributions and work.
  - B Tree limb down at Linn Grove
  - C. 9 of 10 mowers returned correspondence that they will mow in 2017. One mower I will have to call (out of area for winter). 2 of 9 requested 3% increase if budget allows.

7. Old Business

A. Fence repairs needed at Old Middletown- Completed on workday. Also did stone cleaning and stone straightening. Guegler also completed work on Qty 4 large stones that needed work and was paid.

B. Poison Ivy at Driskell- Steve sprayed, but will have to be checked this next year for kill.

C. Installation of sign at Mathis- Sign and post was given to be caretaker that offered to use his equipment to install.

D. Renaming of Criner Farm to Waldin Family and installation of sign- Plot was found, cleaned up, boundaries defined, search for graves stones.(None found) Burials were found in newspaper articles and are the Waldin's and two of their infants. Sign was obtained and installed. Owner was very hospitable and interested.

E. Possibility of native vegetation plantings at Franklin Mills-Talked to Fish and Wildlife Dept. representative. Waiting on their reply.

8. New Business

A. We will need a work session at Linn Grove to remove downed tree limbs. As observed, we can do the work ourselves a nice winter day.

B. Projects were discussed-stone straightening(Ingrham-Mohr); check and see how Old Danville is doing; Hukill-repair broken stones (Bill Walker). Hukill possible fence work-posts this year. Stream erosion in Avery.

C. Terms of Wendell Biggs, Alan Mohr and Stacy Bliesener are up this year. Wendell and Alan will serve another term. Discussion on possible replacement for Stacy.

No names submitted. Stacy replacement term will go unfilled. Motion made by Kenton, seconded by Steve, all approved.

D. Officers for (2017) - Pres. Herb Price, V.P. Steve Stoller, Sec/Treas Wendell Biggs. Motion made by Paul, Seconded by Kenton, all approved.

E. 2017 Budget- Discussion on budget by all members based on mower feedback, past history and tree age. It was decided to ask for an additional \$1000 to total of \$26,000. \$500 added to mowing and \$500 to maintenance. The 4% increase is based on mower requests and need to cemetery maintenance needs. Motioned by Kenton, Seconded by Alan, all approved.

F. Annual Report-in process. All done, but some minor changes. Meeting with Board of Supervisors scheduled for 11AM 1/10/2017 at the Court House.

9. Adjournment: Motion made by Paul, seconded by Michael. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.