



HOWARD COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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January 2020 Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2020; 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board was held in the Ilchester room on the 2nd floor at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. All cases are public meetings unless otherwise indicated. All inquiries should be made to: 410-313-2350.

Members Present: Liz Larney, Chair; Fred Dorsey; Roberta Kelly; Chip Plitt

Staff Present: Beth Burgess; Kaitlyn Clifford

Public: Melinda Chaney Farnsworth, Savage Cemetery; Mike McCann, Fisher Collins & Carter; B. James Greenfield, MG Land Holding 1, LLC; Debra Radcliffe-Borsch; Alan Whitworth; Cheryl Munshower; Pat Carballo; Al Carballo

CPAB Business

- Mr. Plitt moved to approve the December 2019 minutes. Ms. Kelly seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

General Topics

5020 Ten Oaks Road

Mr. McCann updated the Board on changes to the cemetery easement. The changes are submitted as a result of meetings between the current property owner (Mr. Greenfield), and the contract purchasers of the property (the Carballo's), and are reflected in the new plan submittal. At the December 2019 meeting, the proposed plan consisted of 12-foot wide access easement now reduced to 6 feet, an 8-foot gate to the cemetery now reduced to a 3-foot gate with the addition of a removable section of fencing if more access is needed, and a proposed 20-foot setback buffer around the burials reduced to a 10-foot setback.

The Scrivnor family descendants, represented by Mr. Whitworth, voiced that they do not believe a 6-foot wide access easement is wide enough to allow equipment to access the cemetery for maintenance. The descendants shared they are considering having the remains disinterred from the current property and reinterred to a family plot at St. Mark's cemetery.

The Board discussed with the public the requirements of plan review that are the purview of the Board. The Board discussed how disinterment would affect the outcome of the plan review. It was confirmed that disinterment is a separate process. Mr. Greenfield requested the Board to review the plans as submitted. The Board discussed the revisions, and particularly the 6-foot access easement. Ms. Burgess confirmed there is no Code provision for these details of access.

The descendants feel that based on entries in an old family Bible there could be as many as ten (10) burials in the cemetery. They are unsure if the Bible entries specify a place of burial, or if they are just names with dates of Birth and Death. Ms. Kelly asked if ground penetrating radar was completed on the property to confirm the number and location of any burials. Mr. McCann stated ground penetrating radar has not been completed.

Ms. Kelly asked why the access easement width decreased to half of the previously approved size. Mr. Greenfield said the Carballo's do not want the property encumbered by large machinery and are only comfortable with a 6-foot wide access easement. Ms. Kelly suggested increasing the easement to 8-feet to allow equipment to access the cemetery if needed. The Carballo's discussed, and again confirmed their preference for a 6-foot wide access.

Mr. Plitt moved to approve the updated plan as submitted with the recommendation that the access easement be widened by two feet for a total of an 8-foot wide access lane. Ms. Kelly seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.