

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County  
Cemetery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2019**

**Present:** Mike Marker, Cemetery Director; Larry Sladich and Jerold Forkan.

**Call to Order:** Larry Sladich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** None to approve.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:**

**Introduction of Cemetery Director-** Mike Marker told the board a little about himself. He stated that he has lived in Anaconda for approximately 15 years. His daughter Madison is a junior and his son Cory is a freshman at Anaconda High School. His wife Kelly teaches math at the Junior High.

He went to college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Communications. He then went to Rutgers University in New Jersey and received a Turf Certificate.

He worked at the Old Works Golf Course as the Assistant Superintendent for a couple years when he first moved to Anaconda. He then went to work for Jordan Contracting and then to the County Weed Department for four years, which was combined with the Cemetery Department last year.

**Summary of Summer 2018 Work-** Mike Marker said that Rob Baille knocked down the piles of dirt brought up from Ogden Street in New Hill Cemetery last summer. The road department then came in last fall and smoothed it out.

In Mt. Olivet Cemetery, the crew added rock to the ditches, cleaned out the culverts and put wire in front of the culverts to try to keep out future blockage problems.

In Upper Hill Cemetery he said that they added soil to the bottom of the Serbian Lot to bring it up to grade and seeded it.

Mike noted that Nathan Steiner and Rainmaker made the final inspection of the Lower Hill irrigation system. Everything looked good except for some pressure sets were off on some of the zones. These were all adjusted, and the system seemed to have better coverage after that.

**Spring 2019 Projects-** Mike stated that the only project they have planned for this spring is to get a new roof put on the little shop. He said that he has a quote from over The Top Roofing out of Butte and he is going to give them a call and hopefully get on their schedule.

**Spring 2019 Equipment Purchases-** Mike stated that he is looking to buy a Permagen Triumph spreader/sprayer, so that they could start doing their own fertilizing and weed spraying. He would also like to buy a power rake. He said that there is a thick thatch layer and feels a power rake would help get rid of this.

**2019 Season Goals-** Mike said some of the goals he has for the upcoming season is to start fertilizing and doing weed control in-house. He wants to charge and blow-out the irrigation system. He also wants to do more to control the rodent populations. He isn't exactly sure what the best way to go about this, but he will be attending a class next week to explore some options. He also said that he will get his Regulatory Rodent license if necessary.

**Military Stones-** Larry Sladich informed the board that he is going to continue installing the military stones.

**Cemetery Board Vacancy-** Mike Marker informed the board that there is currently one vacancy on the board. He asked the board to let people know that may be interested.

#### **Miscellaneous/Announcements:**

**Budget-** Mike Marker informed the board that the current cemetery budget is \$323,000. Jerold Forkan said that he has talked to Eric Hoiland and that some of our Mil money has been suspended to give the tax payer a break. This money is

still available if we ever need it for a large project or equipment purchase. Jerold also stated that Eric told him our reserve fund is healthy and that we don't want it to get any larger.

**Cement Work-** Mike said that he was wondering if anyone knew of someone that might be able to bid on repairing some of the retaining walls in Upper Hill Cemetery. Larry Sladich said that he would be happy to volunteer his time and knowledge, as he has in the past, to direct the cemetery crew in the repair of the walls and in completing the curbing around section O in Mt. Olivet. Jerold also stated that he would like to help.

**Next Meeting-** Mike stated that he is hoping to start having board meetings every 3 months, so the next one should be towards the end of May.

**Public Comment:** No public comment

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Marker, Cemetery Director  
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