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**LEE TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting**

August 17, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Ferguson, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Miller and Deputy Clerk Elwell. Absent: Clerk King.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the recent donation and planting of flowering bushes at the cemetery.

D. Bale stated that Debbie had submitted a letter to the Cemetery Committee regarding her desire to donate several Hibiscus bush (commonly known as "Rose of Sharon") to the cemetery to be placed. She had handed the letter to E. Pacholski, a very active volunteer as well as the only person listed as a committee member of the cemetery. She had given the letter to get permission from Eva and to be passed on to the Board for review. She was told by Eve that it was fine to plant the bushes, so she went ahead and with the help of the Cemetery Sexton and his wife both Doug and Debbie planted the bushes between the Dogwood trees at the drip edge in hopes that this would aid in the bushes survival. After the bushes were planted it, Eva had noticed where the trees were planted and was dissatisfied with there location. Eva as well as a few other residents did not like the placement of the trees and wondered if there location would hinder the growth of the donated Dogwood trees.

Supervisor Miller stated that he had spoken with a horticulturist in Allegan that stated the trees would do fine with the bushes planted in between with the 5' spacing. Deb Laraway also stated that her sister is a horticulturist and she also was of the opinion that they would do fine there.

Discussion took place regarding when and how much the trees were when they were donated. Several of the ladies were upset thinking that their donated tree might be under stressed with bushes planted so close. Discussion also took place regarding who was listed on the committee. The only original person listed was S. Anderson so it was discussed that committee members should be established. The ladies in attendance made a request for Sandy Anderson, Eve Pacholski, Elverta Maas and Janice Curley to be appointed to the cemetery committee.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Miller to appoint Sandy Anderson, Eve Pacholski, Elverta Maas and Janice Curley as Cemetery committee members as recommended. Black, Ferguson, Lowery and Miller voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was also mentioned that the first order of business with the committee is to work on a letter regarding violations of the cemetery. There are several different types of decorations and stones that should be evaluated to see if they are in compliance with the current Cemetery ordinance. A letter should be drafted to inform the families and owners of lots to what the rules are as stated by the cemetery ordinance. It was stated that beautifying the cemetery was everyone's primary objective.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Sue Elwell, Deputy Clerk