

CEMETERY RULES

Introduction

In presenting these rules and regulations to our friends, lot owners, and all interested in the Township's Cemetery, we hope you will cooperate with us and that the provisions of same will be carefully considered and kindly received, as we are all working together to promote the welfare and beauty of our cemetery.

It is the aim of the officers of this Cemetery to make it a quiet, beautiful resting place for the dead as well as keeping abreast of modern cemetery improvement, proper mode of burial and respectful observance of the sacredness of the cemetery, and it is believed that no unnecessary restrictions have been imposed upon individual taste.

Purchasers of lots acquire simply the right and privilege of the burial of human bodies and of the placement of markers and monuments, subject to the rules and regulations now in force or which may hereafter from time to time as may be enacted by the Township Board.

Let us not forget that a memorial is only a message to future generations and that our cemetery will grow beautiful only by the effort, time and money we put into it.

Notice

It is our suggestion that persons wishing to purchase lots inspect same at the cemetery with the Clerk or Caretaker prior to payment for said lot.

All arrangements for preparation of cemetery and services must be made with the Caretaker. Payments for lots are made in full to the Township Clerk.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

For operation and Use of Larkin Township Cemetery

General Regulations

Section 1. Conduct in Cemetery: No person shall:

- a. Throw rubbish or debris on a walk or drive or on any part of a cemetery grounds.
- b. Pick or mutilate any flowers, either wild or domestic, or disturb any tree, shrub, or other plant material.
- c. Consume refreshments or liquors in a cemetery or carry same upon the premises.
- d. Permit any dog or domestic animal to enter or remain in a cemetery.
- e. Use any form of advertising on cemetery premises.
- f. Permit discharge of a firearm in any cemetery. This prohibition shall not apply to authorized volleys at a burial or memorial services.

Section 2. Financial Responsibility of Township for Property Damage

The Township shall not be financially responsible for any damage to lots and structures or objects thereon, or for flowers or articles removed from any lot or grave.

Section 3. Traffic Regulations

All traffic laws of the Charter Township of Larkin that are applicable to operation of vehicles in cemeteries shall be strictly observed. A person driving in a cemetery shall be responsible for any damage done by the vehicle in the driver's charge. No person shall:

- a. Drive a vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour on any cemetery road.
- b. Drive off the established roads unless permission is given in writing by the Caretaker or Clerk.
- c. Use a cemetery road as a public thoroughfare.

CARE OF LOTS

Section 4. Supervision of Lot Plantings and Improvements

All plantings and other improvements to lots shall be done under the direction and with the approval of the Township Board or Caretaker or persons duly authorized by them. No tree or shrub shall be removed or pruned except under the directions and with the consent of the Caretaker or persons duly authorized by the Caretaker.

Section 5. Lot care

The following rules shall be observed with regard to care of cemetery lots:

- a. Copings, fences, curbs, hedges, structures of wood or other equally perishable materials are prohibited. Those structures or enclosures established on any lot previous to the adoption of these regulations, which have, in the judgment of the cemetery management, become unsightly by reason of neglect or age shall be removed.
- b. No elevated mounds shall be built over graves and no lot shall be filled above the grade established by the Township Board.
- c. Receptacles for cut flowers will be permitted if installed flush with the surface of the lawn. Winter decorations may be maintained on graves until March 15th. If such decorations are not removed by March 15th, they shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of by the cemetery management. Summer decorations must be removed by October 30 or earlier.
- d. Vases and receptacles shall be permitted only if properly installed and maintained. Failure to properly install or maintain such fixtures will be cause for their removal.
- e. Rubbish, refuse and unused containers shall not be left on lots.

Section 6. Foundations

All monuments and markers shall be placed on foundations of solid masonry. Markers or bases of monuments shall not extend over foundations more than one-half inch. The type of foundations for monuments and markers shall be smooth and level and shall not be higher than

four and one-half inches below the grade for grass marker and not higher than two inches below the grade for all other monuments and markers.

Foundations are to be installed by the caretaker. Fees are as follows:

Section 7. Installation of Monuments and Markers

Those persons engaged in placing monuments and markers shall provide planking adequate to protect turf and shall remove materials, equipment and rubbish immediately upon completion of work. The site shall be left in a clean, orderly condition. Ropes or cables shall be attached to trees or other objects only on the approval of the caretaker.

Section 8. Funerals

All funeral processions within the cemetery shall be under the direction of the caretaker of the Cemetery. Workmen engaged in the vicinity of a burial shall suspend their labors during services at a grave. The cemetery management shall reserve the right to remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.

Section 9. Conditions to be Fulfilled Before Interment

No interment shall take place without a Burial Permit, nor until all laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations relative to burials have been complied with. No grave shall be opened unless the grave space has been paid for, with the exception of indigent cases or unless the Funeral Director assumes the responsibility of payment for such grave space. Funeral Directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges if not paid by the owner or his agent. If the deceased to be interred is not the owner, owners, or authorized agent, must be filed with the Clerk or Caretaker before interment may be permitted. All prepaid weekday interment costs are non-refundable and weekend/holiday interment costs would be additional.

Section 10. General

Only one interment in any one grave shall be permitted except that cremated remains may be buried above another grave. The Caretaker of the Cemetery shall not be held responsible for errors in location of graves on lots arising from improper instructions of lot owners. Orders from Funeral Directors shall be construed as orders from owners. Under no circumstances shall: the Township or its employees assume responsibility for error in opening graves when orders are given verbally. No graves shall be opened except by workmen employed by the cemetery management.

The foregoing RULES, REGULATIONS are effective as of the date of the Official Board Meeting on **November 9, 2004**. Any of the forgoing is subject to change at the direction of the Larkin Township Board. A copy of all Rules, Regulations, and prices is available from the Clerk and the Caretaker.

THE LARKIN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Lisa K. Johnson
Township Clerk