

Sherman Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations

1. Cemetery lots or burial spaces will be sold only to residents or taxpayers of the Township for the purpose of the burial of such purchasers. The Township Clerk, however, is hereby granted the authority to vary the afford said restriction on sales where the purchaser disclosed enough personal reason for burial within the township through previous residence in the township or relationship to persons interred therein. The Sherman Township Clerk is hereby granted the authority to oversee the day-to-day operations of the cemetery.
2. All such sales will be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Such form will be executed by the Township Clerk.
3. Burial rights may only be transferred to those persons eligible to be original purchasers of cemetery lots or burial spaces within the Township Cemetery. Proof of ownership and a **notarized** letter of agreement is required. Upon such assignment, approval, and record, said clerk will issue a new burial deed to the assignee and will cancel and terminate upon such records, the original deed thus assigned.
4. The Township will repurchase any cemetery lot or burial space from the owner for the original price paid the Township upon written request of a said owner or his legal heirs or representatives. The owner may not sell to another individual. The Township may limit its' purchases in any fiscal year to a budgeted amount.
5. Only one person may be buried in a grave site (plot) except for (1) one adult and one infant, (2) two infants/children, (3) four cremations, (4) one regular and one cremation. There are no Green Burials or scattering of ashes. **The Township Clerk shall be notified at least 36 hours prior to all burials.**
6. All graves shall be opened and closed by a Township Designated Sexton. The Township shall not be held responsible for the grave preparation unless a **thirty-six (36) hour notice has been given.**
7. Specifications for installation of markers are as follows: The foundation shall be at least two (2) inches wider and two (2) inches longer than the marker resting upon it, and six (6) inches in depth. Foundation placement must be approved by the Township Clerk.
8. Only one above ground monument, marker, or memorial shall be permitted to each burial space. All additional monuments on the same burial space must be flush mounted.

9. All monuments shall be centered on the foundation at the head of the grave in line with existing monuments.

10. All surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited. No enclosure shall be permitted around plots. Any obstructions that hinder proper burial or upkeep of the cemetery will be removed, such as, shrubs, trees, walks, decorations, etc.

11. The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any trees, plants, or shrubs with the cemetery in the interest of safety and maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.

12. All winter decorations and personal items must be removed by May 1st of each year and all summer decorations and personal items must be removed by October 1st. Spring clean-up will be between May 1st and May 30th. The Township may remove flowers, wreaths, blankets, pillows, personal items, etc. as needed. All funeral flowers must be removed within ten (10) days of the funeral, otherwise they will be removed and discarded.

13. The Township shall not be held liable for loss, breakage, or cleaning of monuments. The Township shall not be held liable for the loss or breakage of floral pieces, baskets, pots, frames, or personal items, etc.

14. The local health officer must approve any disinterment or re-interment requests. (Section 2853 of the Public Health Code).

15. The Township Board shall set all fees for lots and burials within The Sherman Township Cemetery and they shall be amended and updated by the Board.

16. The Township hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional Rules and Regulations or to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, paragraph or sentence in these Rules and Regulations, at any time. No lot or space owner shall have any vested right in the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

These Rules and Regulations were adopted on July 29, 2003 and amended and updated on October 17, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor: John Jurgensen

Signature: _____

Clerk: Kay Whalen

Signature: _____