

State Board of Cemeterians
Minutes
December 9, 2008

A meeting of the State Board of Cemeterians was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. SE., Room 1514B West Tower, Atlanta, Ga. 30334.

Meeting was called to order by President Richard Parker at 10:05 a.m.

A quorum was established with members being present:

- Richard Parker (President)
- William (Micky) Couey
- Emory Lamar
- Mike Lawrence
- Tim Smith
- Clift Dempsey
- Dan Greene

Staff Present:

- Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director, Securities and Business Regulation Division
- Melissa Marlowe, Senior Investigator, Securities and Business Regulation
- Lori Young, Investigator, Securities and Business Regulation
- Becky Wallace, Senior Examiner, Securities and Business Regulation

Others Present:

- Jeff Stump, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
- Katherine Ruiz, Paralegal, Attorney General's Office
- James Bell, Milton Conservation Burial Partners, LLC

Mr. Lawrence moved, Mr. Lamar seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2008 meeting.

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Enforcement Cases Presented for Closing: by Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director

- CO-840 Lincoln Cemetery - Atlanta – Complainant had purchased marker which had not been installed by cemetery. Marker was finally installed and complainant was satisfied that issue was resolved
- CO-967 Forest Lawn Memory Gardens - Savannah – contract dispute – No violation
- CO-975 White Chapel Memorial Gardens - Duluth – Complainant asserted that marker installation had been paid for twice. Cemetery refunded the fee. Complainant was satisfied that issue was resolved.
- CO-984 Forest Hills Memorial Gardens – Forest Park – Perpetual care issue regarding large hole surrounding a marker. The cemetery personnel filled in the hole with dirt and complainant was satisfied that issue was resolved.
- ENCM-00295 Evergreen Memorial Gardens – Cordele – Maintenance complaint and failure of cemetery to install marker – Cemetery installed marker and improved the general appearance of the cemetery. Complainant was satisfied that issues were resolved.
- ENCM-00304 Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens – College Park – Maintenance complaint – Issue resolved; complainant was satisfied that issue was resolved.
- ENCM-00306 Middle Georgia Memory Gardens - Macon– Maintenance complaint – Maintenance issues resolved

Mr. Dempsey moved, Mr. Lamar seconded and the Board voted to close the complaints and enforcement cases.

Richard Parker, Board President asked Assistant Attorney General Jeff Stump for the status of Cedar Ridge Cemetery. Mr. Stump answered that a hearing was scheduled in Jones County for January 15, 2009.

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Report of Registrations: by Debra Ferguson, Cemeteries Director

SCI/Alderwoods Merger – Received all warranty deeds and plats except for Pinecrest; On 12/1/08 received e-mail stating the plat for Pinecrest had been recorded; Once SCI receives it back from county, warranty deed and plat will be forwarded to Secretary of State’s office;

Resthaven Gardens of Memory - Dekalb -This matter is in litigation between owners of the Cemetery (No action by the Board)

Lake Forest Memorial Park - Jasper - Application is still pending waiting on required documents. (No action by the Board)

Gateway Memorial Park - Cleveland - 10/28 received change of ownership application; 10/28 Sent deficiency to Paul Smart; 11/12 Received requested documents; 12/1 mailed agreements to Community Bank & Trust;

Milton Conservation Burial Partner, LLC – Milton - 11/19 Received all documents needed for completion of application; 11/25 On-site inspection of cemetery completed.

James Bell of Milton Conversation Burial Partners was present to answer questions presented by the Board regarding his application for a perpetual care cemetery “Milton Fields”. Richard Parker asked if the cemetery would be a “green cemetery”. Mr. Bell stated that their rules would require biodegradable caskets and they would not use vaults. Mr. Parker asked how the cemetery owners would deal with the issue of sinkage of graves since vaults were not being used. Mr. Bell stated that the dirt would be mounded on the graves. Mr. Bell also stated that flat stone markers would be used to identify graves. Clift Dempsey made a motion to hold application until Board could further review the cemetery’s rules and regulations. Mr. Dempsey asked to review the cemetery’s rules and regulations during the meeting. Mr. Dempsey suggested to Mr. Bell that additional information be included in the cemetery rules and regulations for disclosure. After review of such rules and regulations, Mr. Dempsey rescinded his motion to hold the

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application and moved to approve the application. Mr. Lawrence seconded and the Board voted to approve the registration of the cemetery.

Mr. Couey moved, Mr. Lamar seconded and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board at its January 27, 2009 Board Meeting.