MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CEMETERY BOARD
September 16, 2026

Call to Order by Cemetery Superintendent Bowen Yoder at 4:015 p.m. on September 16, 2026.
Board Members present: Bowen Yoder, Randy Carney by Phone, Allison Schlabach, John Hinshaw, Jennifer Olson. Not Present: none. Quorum declared by Yoder.
Members of the Public Present: Lynn Schmidt.

Open Forum

New Business

a) **Consideration: Final Approval for the Request for Planting of Trees, Lynn A. Schmidt**

Olson said it looks nice where they are going to be planted but will need maintenance if they get to close to the stones. Schlabach stated that the trees are not supposed to be trees that will spread out. Schmidt also stated that there's fifteen feet from the road to the stones and the trees will be five feet from the roadway and five feet from the stones. The trees are only supposed to get five feet in diameter as well. Yoder had concerns on how we would handle the situation if the owner of one of the stones complained about the trees being planted by their stone and also if we had insurance to cover if a tree damaged one of the stones. Olson stated that the trees are in the same place as the previous trees and those stones were set while those trees were planted there. O'Rourke is going to check on the insurance. Hinshaw asked how we would handle other requests for beautifying the cemetery? Are we going to allow anyone to come in and do it or will it be taken on a case by case basis? The Board suggest that it would be decided on a case by case basis. Schmidt also stated that if there are any other landscaping wants, he would be willing to donate more funds to fulfill those desires. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Carney, Schlabach, Olson. Nays: Yoder, Hinshaw. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 4:23 p.m. Ayes: Yoder, Carney, Schlabach, Hinshaw, Olson. Nayes: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Clerk/Administrator