

Three Lakes Town Office
715-546-3316
Cemetery Rules and Regulations
August 2021

It is the intention of the Town of Three Lakes, to maintain the peaceful, beautiful landscape of the Three Lakes Cemetery, out of respect for the deceased and their families. Rules and regulations are essential to preserve this memorial. These Rules and Regulations are subject to change. Please contact the Town Office for a current **copy**. The rights of individuals must be secondary to the welfare of the majority. It is with this in mind that the Town of Three Lakes has adopted the following Rules and Regulations:

1. The Three Lakes Town Office must be notified 48 hours in advance during office hours, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for any burials whether cremation or a full burial service. A five (5) day notice is necessary for winter burials. We are unable to accommodate full burials on weekends/holidays. For further information contact the Town Office at the above listed phone number. Burials scheduled on a Monday will not be prepped until Monday morning. The grave will not accommodate the vault until after 10:00 a.m. Emergency burials may be considered on a case by case basis. (*see fee schedule*) Only the Town of Three Lakes personnel or designee will be responsible for full and cremation burials. Only persons pre-authorized by the Town, Office (Veteran's, Monument/Funeral Home representatives) may enter cemetery to perform the authorized task.
2. The Funeral Home Representative must notify the Three Lakes Town Office upon completion of the funeral, either by calling the Town Office at 715-546-3316 or by stopping by the office.
A copy of the final disposition or death certificate must be provided to ensure accurate record keeping.
3. No sales, transfer, or assignment of any lot or part of a lot shall be valid without notice to the Town Board.
4. There shall be no more than 1 Section (8/10 lots) i.e. grave sites owned by any one household without the consent of the Town Board. All lots i.e. grave sites are 4 ft.x 10 ft. All lots conveyed by the Three Lakes Cemetery shall be held pursuant to the laws of the State of Wisconsin and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the deceased.
5. Due to the layout of the cemetery new burials may require vehicular traffic over adjacent gravesites.
6. All burials shall be in cement vaults (except cremains) and be in compliance with all appropriate statutes and ordinances. No overhead vaults or niche columbarium units* will be permitted without the approval of the Town Board. Cremains must be buried in a container not made of wood or cardboard and not to exceed 18"x18"x18". Container must have some metal incorporated for future locating purposes.
7. As of August 1, 2021 **only two cremain burials OR one full and two cremain burials will be allowed** in one gravesite. If cremain precedes full burial, additional charge may occur as those remains will need to be removed and re-buried to accommodate the full burial. Dogs/pets shall not be buried in the cemetery, unless pet has been cremated and goes in along with owner of plot.
8. All burials must be documented with the Town of Three Lakes. Placing a burial or cremation in your cemetery plot without proper notice, final disposition documentation or authorization is against state Statute 157.111 and Town policy.
9. No marker/monument/overhead vaults will be permitted to be erected on any lot unless lot is entirely paid for. It is highly recommended to wait one year before placing headstone/marker/monument to allow the ground to settle. Per rule #11, the Town is not responsible for adjusting headstones/markers/monuments placed within one year of burial. Concrete bases are necessary on all headstones/markers/monuments/or niche columbarium units*. The minimum thickness of the concrete base of the headstone/marker/monument must be three inches. The minimum width of the skirt must be five inches on all sides once the headstone/marker/monument is set. Second markers (Veteran or Cremain) must be flush markers, or placed on the back of the existing headstone/marker/monument. Markers/monuments/niche columbarium units* must be erected in line with the rest of the row. As of October 30th, 2012 if a large rock/stone/boulder is being considered as a headstone, it must not exceed the four foot width of the plot, nor exceed four feet in height. A concrete skirt of same dimensions must be poured after rock/stone/boulder is placed.

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All headstones/markers/monuments may be temporarily moved, as needed by town personnel, and the Town is not responsible for any damage caused by movement.

10. If it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any monument, memorial, or niche columbarium unit* or any portion thereof the Town Board shall give the owner of record thirty days written notice of the necessity of such repairs. If the owner fails to repair the damage within such time, the Board may direct that repairs be made and charge the expense against the lot and to the owner of record.

11. The Town of Three Lakes is not responsible for sunken headstones/niche columbarium unit*. It is the responsibility of the family to contact a licensed monument company to correct, replace, or fix their headstone/niche columbarium unit*. This licensed monument company MUST contact the Town Office prior to entering the cemetery for work purposes.

12. Any unauthorized monument or plantings without approval will result in immediate removal by town officials.

13. If the Town Board determines any monument, memorial or inscription to be offensive, improper or injurious to the surrounding lots or ground, it reserves the right to remove the offensive or improper object/s after notice to owner. The Board also reserves the right to correct an improper inscription. All of the above will be at owner's expense.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLANTINGS AND MONUMENT BENCHES:

No seeded ground cover, trees, bushes, or shrubs shall be planted on or about the gravesite. Only flowers near or around the monument/marker may be planted. Any shrubs, trees or other ornamental growth planted will be removed by Town personnel. If any existing trees or shrubs on any lot encroach or otherwise disturb in any way the adjoining lot or street, the Town Board reserves the right to have the tree or shrub or any part thereof removed. No tree growing on any lot or border shall be injured or removed by any person without the consent of the Town Board. Planting of flowers will be limited to the width of the headstone; providing the sod has been removed from the planting area. All plastic flowers must be in a container, not pushed into the ground or laid on the ground without the container. Glass containers, breakable figures or statues, gravel or any other objects that could be injurious to people or machinery will not be allowed.

All flowers, baskets and decorations must be removed by October 31st for fall cleanup. Winter decorations are allowed after November 15th, but must be removed by May 1st. The Town of Three Lakes is not responsible for any damage done to decorations.

Monument benches made of granite or other solid non-wood material are allowed, and must be placed on a concrete base. Park-type benches are not allowed. Monument benches are the property of the gravesite owner/owner's family, and must be maintained by the owner. Monument benches may not encroach or overlap onto the neighboring site/property/road. Refer to gravesite dimensions in rule #4 above prior to placing monument bench.

Hours of drive in operation of the Three Lakes Cemetery are approximately from dawn to dusk and is open to foot traffic 24hrs a day April 1st to December 1st. December 2nd – March 31st is open to foot traffic only. These dates are for general purposes only, and are subject to change based on the weather conditions.

Rules and Regulations change. Make sure to contact the Town Office prior to placement of remains, personally/professional created/crafted headstones, markers, greenery, flowers of any kind.

Also attached hereto and made a part here of is a fee schedule that may be amended from time to time.

Susan Harris- Town Clerk

Block# _____ Lot# _____ Grave # _____

I, _____, have read and understand the above Rules & Regulations of the Town of Three Lakes Cemetery.

Signed _____

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