

LAKE CHARLEY CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

IDA TOWNSHIP
4700 County Road 6 Northwest
Garfield, MN 56332
320/834-3377

Cemetery Address:
Sunset Strip Road, Ida Township

Cemetery Hours:
The Cemetery is accessible to anyone every day from Dawn to Dusk.

LAKE CHARLEY CEMETERY:

Lake Charley Cemetery is located in the southeastern portion of Ida Township near Lake Charley. The cemetery was established in 1875. Two of the existing graves are Civil War Veterans, one from the 10th Minnesota Infantry, the other from the 81st Ohio Infantry. The cemetery is maintained by Ida Township.

In order to a) ensure proper notification, placement and documentation of any interment, and b) maintain the beauty and serenity of Lake Charley Cemetery, the Ida Township Board of Supervisors has established the following rules and regulations. All parties must adhere to these guidelines

PURCHASING, SALE OR TRANSFER:

All burial sites will be purchased through the Town Clerk or designated appointee. Persons desiring to purchase lots are invited to visit the cemetery, where the Clerk will aid in making a selection. After the selection is made, and purchase price is paid, a Certificate of Right to Burial will be issued. A record of signing the Certificate of Right to Burial will be noted in the board meeting minutes at the next Regular Monthly Board meeting.

Plots are available in blocks of four (4) graves

Or

Single plots

Purchased burial sites cannot be transferred, assigned, or pledged to another interest without the consent of the Town Board.

The private sale of burial plots is prohibited. All sales must be transacted through the Town Board. The Township may re-purchase a site or sites with the compensation remaining the same as the original purchase price.

To purchase a full lot or single gravesite: contact the Ida Township Office.

LAKE CHARLEY CEMETERY/IDA TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:

The Cemetery's office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon (or call for an appointment) year round.

- Phone: 320/834-3377
- Fax: 320/834-3378

GRAVE/BURIAL REGULATIONS:

It is the responsibility of the Funeral Home/Director to notify the Town Clerk of any activity planned or taken to any gravesite at anytime.

1. Vaults are not required
2. If vault is desired, written authorization by Town Board is needed
3. The burial of *a) two cremains* or *b) one casket* per gravesite is allowed
4. The Township Clerk must be notified before any interment is held
5. Personal excavating of the grave is prohibited except with cremations (township notification is required)
6. No grave or burial will be allowed above ground
7. No burial of pets will be allowed
8. Cremation remains are not allowed to be placed or spread above ground

MONUMENTS/HEADSTONES AND MARKERS

All headstone and markers must be placed within the 4'X10' plot boundary. Types allowed: flat grave markers, beveled markers, slant markers, upright headstones, individual, double interment and veteran's monuments/headstones and markers.

Special requests must go through the Ida Town Board for approval.

MONUMENTS/HEADSTONES (set on foundation w/base):

Headstones are limited in size: All monuments/headstones shall be placed on a concrete foundation. Foundation must be flush with the ground and be a minimum of 4 inches larger than the monument/headstone in length and width and 4 - 5 inches deep. Foundation shall not exceed 40 inches in overall length for a single grave space (80 inches for a two grave space), and not exceed 20 inches in overall width. Monument shall not exceed 30 inches in overall height (including base).

MARKERS (flat headstone set flush to the ground, beveled markers and slant markers):

Markers are limited in size: All markers shall be placed on a concrete foundation. Foundation must be flush with the ground and be a minimum of 4 inches larger than the marker in length and width and 4 - 5 inches deep. Foundation shall not exceed 40 inches in overall length for a single grave space (80 inches for a two grave space), and not exceed 16 inches in overall width.

The Township will not be held responsible for vandalism and normal wear and tear caused by weather or any act of God.

REMOVAL OF MARKERS:

No marker may be removed without an authorized written consent order on file in the cemetery's office.

GRAVE OPENING AND CLOSING:

INTERMENTS

For burial of cremated remains, when not going through a Funeral Director, the Town Clerk must be contacted prior to the date of this burial and fee paid (see price list). If a cremation excavation is performed, but the burial is not carried out, a cancellation fee of \$25 will be due.

DISINTERMENTS:

All requests for disinterment (including cremated remains) will be directed to a funeral home to facilitate the process.

WINTER BURIALS:

Minnesota Statute 306.99 states winter burials must be allowed. A family member or representative must meet with a cemetery representative to verify excavation location. The owners will assume all associated expenses. This includes plowing the drive in and around the cemetery, locating the gravesite, digging, filling and moving the body the following spring if buried in the wrong spot.

WORKERS:

All workers employed on projects within the cemetery are subject to the control and direction of the Town Board.

Workers must not place materials on adjoining lots or leave materials on the ground longer than is absolutely necessary. All earth and rubbish accumulated during the lot improvements must be removed under the direction of the committee at the expense of the lot owner. No unnecessary delay in work is permitted. All work must be completed and rubbish removed before noon on Saturday and prior to any day preceding a holiday, except when special permission is obtained from the Town Board. No marker may be set after 4:30 pm.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON:

Lake Charley Cemetery reserves the right to halt all construction work between November 1 and April 15. Foundations will not be built during freezing weather.

DELIVERIES:

No deliveries of construction materials, etc. will be accepted on Saturday, Sunday, holidays or days preceding a holiday.

QUALITY CONTROL:

Only markers of acceptable design, materials, workmanship and durability are permitted. If defects and/or deficiencies become apparent during installation, the work will be stopped and the defect/deficiencies corrected. If corrections cannot be made, or if the lot owner does not correct them within a reasonable time, the entire structure will be removed by the Lake Charley Cemetery Committee at the lot owner's expense.

DAMAGE:

Lot owners are liable for any damage to adjoining lots or other property in the cemetery caused by construction work done on markers.

Vandalism or damage caused by forces beyond the control of the Lake Charley Cemetery Committee is the responsibility of the lot owner

FLOWERS AND OTHER DECORATIONS:

Flowers and decorations are allowed from **May 1st through October 1st**. All must be removed by this date or will be removed and disposed of by the Township. If flowers or decorations become unmanageable or unpleasantly deteriorated, the Township can remove them at any time. Real or artificial flowers must be in flower stands or on shepherd hooks. A maximum of two (2) per occupied gravesite are allowed. The loss of any flowers or decorations will not be the responsibility of the Township. The Township Cemetery workers will make every effort to protect and move decorations during maintenance procedures.

Any decoration anchored to the ground must be placed next to marker. Memorabilia placed on graves will be removed if it becomes unsightly or interferes with the maintenance of the area.

SPECIAL ORNAMENTATION:

Special ornamentation is allowed during funerals, but must be removed within one week. Also, during the Christmas holidays, special ornamentation is allowed from December 1 to January 30. If these are not removed by the dated specified, Township Cemetery workers may remove these ornamentation and the Township is not liable to return these to the owners.

Note: Lake Charley Cemetery does not permit balloons, pinwheels, statues, etc. Also, due to health and safety reasons, food, bottles or cans of any kind are not permitted. All family decorations are at family's own risk

SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY:

The Ida Town Board/Lake Charley Cemetery Committee supervises all transactions and maintenance of the cemetery. The Board has the right to correct any error that may be made by it, either in making interments or disinterments, by substituting interment rights of equal value and similar locations as far as possible or refunding the purchase price by the sole discretion and selection of the Board.

Disclosure: In the case where a regulation may cause undue hardship, the Ida Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right, without notice, to change, amend, make exceptions to, revise or discontinue any policy, practice, rule or regulations set forth in this policy at any time in its sole and absolute discretion.

CONTACT PERSONS:

The following persons can be contacted regarding the Cemetery:

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| Barb Kilgore, Clerk | 834-3377 |
| Julie Kirscht, Deputy Clerk | 834-3377 |
| Frank Bartlett, Lake Charley Cemetery Committee Chairman | 846-4413 |

Dated: April 2011