

May Township, Cass County, Minnesota

Bridgeman Cemetery Resolution

WHEREAS, the township Board of May Township, Cass County has adopted the following resolution regarding Bridgeman Cemetery, and

WHEREAS: Minn. Statute 306.246 authorizes the Township to spend money for general maintenance of a cemetery.

WHEREAS: Minn. Statute 306.41 allow the Town Board to establish a permanent care and improvement fund for a cemetery. May Township provides the following maintenance for Bridgeman Cemetery:

1. Lawn mowing, tree removal, any other maintenance needed to sustain Bridgeman Cemetery.
2. Maintenance will be sub-contracted to a local business per motion at a May Township Board meeting.
3. Township Board of Supervisors determine level of maintenance, how often lawn is mowed, repair broken/damaged/sunken/headstones, etc.
4. Price of plot/sites.
5. Transfer of graves from one person to another (among family only, free transfer, etc.)

WHEREAS: Township must maintain plot/site ownership records.

1. May Township board of supervisors designates resident to maintain burial records:
 - Burial records should keep track of when a plot/site was assigned, to whom it was assigned, purchase price and location of lot.
 - Under Minn Statute 365.27 plot/site revert back to township if not used 40 years after assignment of plot/site. Records need to be sufficient to make this determination 40 years from assignment.
 - Township must keep a map showing location of plot/site and who is in each burial site.
2. **May Township board of supervisors require plot/site to be restricted to present and/or former residents of May Township who have been residents of May Township for a minimum of 30 days.**

WHEREAS: May Township requires the following grave site policy:

1. All burials must use the minimum of a concrete grave box for use as an outside container.
2. Gravestone:
 - Only one (1) headstone per family lot. Base of headstone not to exceed five (5') feet in length or fourteen (14") inches in width. Overall height, base included, not to exceed forty-eight (48") inches in height. (Family headstone is not required, **however**, the above stipulations must be followed if you place a family headstone on the burial site.)
 - Personal headstone: Minimum requirement – length should be 1' 4" to 2' 6" long and width should be at least 8" to 1' 4" wide.
 - Gravestone must be placed on site within one year of burial. Foot marker to be set at grass level to preclude equipment damage.
3. No ornament/decoration can be permanently place on plot/site unless grand fathered in before the date of this signed resolution (first signed resolution: 02.08.2021). IE –scrubs, trees, bushes, wooden or metal ornaments. The township supervisors may remove, prohibit, modify and dispose of any structure or object which may have been placed at Bridgeman Cemetery in violation of any of the rules and regulations submitted, or which may be considered in their judgement to be unsightly, dangerous, or objectionable or interferes with the cemetery operations.
4. The township will not be responsible for any damage to any existing trees, shrubbery, flower beds, flower basket(s), vigil lamps or urns that interfere with digging or mowing operations.
5. All family decorations at family's own risk.
6. There is no area for composting at the cemetery, therefore, all refuse is to be taken off premises when leaving graveyard by family members.

7. Temporary memorials will be allowed on grave sites Memorial Day through June 15. Please remove temporary memorials from Bridgeman Cemetery on or before June 16 each year.
8. Residents may keep their temporary memorials on NEW grave sites for 30 days following interment.
9. The town board reserves the right to change these rules or to make such other rules as they deem necessary for the operation of the cemetery. Notice of such intended changes shall be stated at the next regular board meeting of May Township.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: May Township acknowledges the need to modify this policy on a case-by-case basis. They realize the family grieving process takes time and will demonstrate compassion and flexibility as needed.

This is a written policy of May Township, Cass County, Minnesota

_____ Chairman, May Township

_____ Vice-Chair, May Township

_____ Supervisor, May Township

_____ Attested: May Township Clerk

_____ Dated

ADOPTED: 02/08/2021

REVISED: 09/13/2021