

SEXTON: The Sexton shall be appointed by the Newfield Township Board. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS:

1. All plans, specifications and locations of markers or memorials are subject to approval of the sexton. All markers or memorials placed without approval shall be removed. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
2. All monuments and markers must have a foundation. Said foundation shall be installed by, or under the supervision of, the sexton using the following specifications: (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
 - a. Must go to the head (front) of the grave.
 - b. Must either match the size of the marker or be at least one inch larger on all sides.
3. For the best interest of burial site owners, memorials of cement, artificial stone, glass, composition, wood, tin or iron shall be permitted with prior approval of the sexton. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
4. No fences, walls or copings are permitted and burial sites shall be maintained at grade level. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
5. Should any structure whatever, or any inscription, be placed in or upon any burial site which shall be determined by the township board to be offensive or improper or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds, said board shall have the right to enter upon such lot and remove the said object. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
6. No advertising is permitted in the cemetery. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
7. All workmen employed by outside firms within the cemetery are subject to the regulations of the cemetery. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
8. The township board shall have the right to correct any errors which may be made, either in making interments or disinterments, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of the property, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment property of equal value and similar location as near as possible, or by refunding the amount of money paid on account of that purchase. In the event the error shall involve the interment of remains of any person in such property, the board shall have the right to remove and reinter in such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed by the board. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
9. The laws of the state of Michigan pertaining to the armed forces of the United States of America and State of Michigan will be followed. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
10. Winter burials will be allowed, if the family chooses, with all expenses incurred by having a winter burial being paid in full by the family of the deceased who requested this type of burial. The mausoleum burial is still available for those persons wishing to use this option. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
 - a. The sexton will decide additional costs for winter burials and turn the money into the Township Treasurer. (ADOPTED: 6-20-2002)
 - b. All extra charges for winter burials will be divided equally between the sexton and the township and paid to the sexton through the payroll process. (ADOPTED: 6-20-2002)

11. Other rules and regulations as prescribed by the State of Michigan shall be strictly adhered to. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)

CARE OF BURIAL SITES:

1. The general care of the cemetery is assumed by the township board and includes the cutting of grass, the raking and cleaning of the grounds and the pruning of shrubs and trees. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
2. The general care assumed by the township board shall in no case mean the maintenance, the repair or replacement of any memorial placed upon burial sites, nor the doings of any special or unusual work in the cemetery. Nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble or granite work on any section or plot, or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery, caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or by the order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
3. There shall be no individual planting of shrubbery except by permission of the sexton. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
4. The placement of flower urns must be in line, north and south with headstones. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
5. The placement of flowers must be within one (1) foot east of the headstone. This refers to real (live) flowers. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
6. The township board shall not be responsible for any kinds of individual plantings damaged by the elements, vandals, thieves or by other causes beyond its control. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
7. The township board will assume no responsibility for the care, protection or maintenance of vases, urns or other objects. Such articles, when left, will be entirely at risk of the owner. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
8. The township board shall have authority to remove any and all floral designs, flowers weeds,, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the board, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased, or when they do not conform to the standards maintained. (ADOPTED 08-17-1993)
9. All artificial flowers must be removed from the cemetery before October 31 each year. (ADOPTED: 11-18-2003)
10. The sexton and maintenance person are authorized to purchase supplies related to normal maintenance at the cemeteries. (ADOPTED: 4-19-1994)

CEMETERY RECORDS: All cemetery records are to be located at the Township Hall. (ADOPTED: 7-12-2005)