

Crystal Township Board Meeting: April 13, 2022---Motion by Baker-Marek, seconded by Mills to approve Cemetery Policy as follows. Motion carried: ayes-all.

CRYSTAL CEMETERY POLICY

Lots in Crystal Township Cemeteries are conveyed for the purpose of human burial only. Lots remain the property of Crystal Township. The rights of the purchaser therein are subject to these rules.

1. If any memorial, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription to be placed on same, shall be determined by the township board to be offensive, they shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to enter upon such lot and remove, change or correct the offensive or improper object or objects.
2. If any tree, shrub or plant standing upon any lot, by means of its roots, branches, or otherwise, is or becomes detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, or if for any other reason its removal is deemed necessary, the Township board shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to correct the existing condition.
3. The Township board is not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots.
4. The Cemeteries or their employees assume no liability for damage, actual or mental anguish, in the performance of their normal operations, or by loss by vandalism or other acts beyond reasonable control.
5. Artificial flowers will be permitted all year round in a permanent vase attached to the headstone or a permanent vase concreted in the ground only. Only one vase per grave is permitted. All plantings within lots will be trimmed when necessary without the lot owners permission. All persons planting anything other than flowers must have permission from the sexton. (no rose bushes). Any rose bushes will be removed by the sexton without owners permission. All flowers shall be planted in line with and within 6'' of the stones. Fresh flowers planted around the stones and well maintained will be attempted to be mowed around.
6. Artificial wreaths and grave blankets will be permitted from December 1st until April 15th. Such decorations will be removed by cemetery employees after April 15th.
7. The placing of chairs, glass covered boxes, iron or wooden crosses, trellises, shells, toys, metal designs and similar articles upon graves is inconsistent with the proper appearance of the grounds and will not be permitted.
8. Shepherd hooks with single hooks will be allowed for the purpose of hanging baskets only. One shepherd hook allowed on each grave. They are to be placed near the headstone. Shepherd hooks must be a minimum height of 48'' from ground level to the hook. Hanging baskets are not to exceed maximum hanging measurement of 20''. If shepherd hooks are not used for 30 days they will be removed by cemetery employees.
9. Vigil lights will be permitted, one on each grave, and must be placed near the headstone.

10. The small metal marker put on the grave by the funeral director is considered temporary and will be removed and disposed of by cemetery employees six months from the date of burial or when a permanent marker is put into place.
11. The use of landscape stones, decorative stones, artificial stones or landscape blocks for decorative purposes shall be prohibited. Such stones shall be removed by the township.
12. Visiting hours are from 6 a.m. until dark. All other times are considered trespassing.
13. At the time of death township taxpayers shall receive 2 sites free and may reserve 2 additional sites for \$50.00 each. Prior to death, each taxpayer may reserve two burial sites for \$50.00 each and two additional sites for \$150.00 each. Non taxpayers, who live in the township pay \$100.00 for each burial spot up to 2 and 2 additional spots for \$150.00 each. All lots will be sold in twos with the exception of single spots on the south side of the cemeteries.
14. The cost of a full interment opening during regular working hours is \$500.00. Opening for a cremation is \$100.00. From November 15 through the removal of the frost laws the cost full burials will be \$600.00. Winter cremation is \$125.00. An additional \$150.00 will be charged for full burials and \$75.00 for cremation after 2:30 p.m. or on Weekends or Holidays.