

Nelson Township Cemetery Rules

General Rules

1. No vehicle shall be driven on, other than established drives, except for maintenance purposes.
2. Rubbish or debris shall be placed in receptacles provided.
3. Flowers, trees or shrubs are not to be picked, disturbed or mutilated.
4. Alcoholic beverages are not to be carried on or consumed on cemetery premises.
5. No firearm is to be discharged on cemetery property. This prohibition shall not apply to authorized volleys at burial services.

Lot Ownership

1. Description of all lots will be in accordance with the cemetery plot which is kept on file in the Township clerk's office.
2. The Board reserves the right to enlarge, reduce, replot or change the boundaries or grading of the cemetery or a section thereof. The Board reserves to itself and to its employees the rights of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of maintenance or of passing to and from other lots.
3. All sales of cemetery lots shall be handled by the Township clerk.
4. All lot sales shall be in accordance with the current price schedule.
5. The deed issued by the Board and a copy of these rules and regulations shall constitute the agreement between the Board and the lot owner.
6. It is the responsibility of the lot owner to notify the Board of any change of address.
7. The Board reserves the right to purchase lots, from the owner who desires to sell, at the original purchase price.
8. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than the burial of the human dead.
9. No lot shall be sold or transferred to a third party without Board approval.
10. The Board will take all reasonable precautions to protect lot owners and the property rights of lot owners within the cemetery from loss or danger, but the Board disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control.

Care of Lots

1. The general care of the cemetery is assumed by the Board and includes the cutting of grass, at reasonable intervals, the raking and cleaning of the grounds and the pruning of shrubs and trees that may be planted by the Board. Annual cleanup will begin each year in April.
2. There shall be no individual planting of shrubbery or plants except by the permission of the Board.
3. The Board shall not be responsible for any kinds of individual plantings damaged by the elements, vandals, thieves or by other causes beyond its control.
4. The Board shall have the authority to remove any or 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.

EAST NELSON CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Our cemeteries are open only during daylight hours.
2. No vehicle shall be driven on anything other than established drives.
3. Please place refuse in receptacles provided.
4. Summer decorations must be removed by November 15.
5. Winter decorations must be removed by April 1.
6. The Township will remove decorations remaining after those dates.
7. Nelson Township reserves the right to trim or remove any plantings or other materials.
8. For complete information regarding the cemetery, please contact the Nelson Township Clerk at 616-636-5332.

NELSON TOWNSHIP

PUNCHES CEMETERY

Originally
The Union Burying Grounds
Nelson Township

Funerals and Interments

1. The cemetery will be open for interments daily, the year round. There may be additional charges during the winter months if snow removal or ground thawing is required.
2. No interment shall take place without a burial permit which shall be presented by the funeral director upon arrival at the cemetery.
3. Funeral directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges.
4. No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in a grave except in the case of parent and infant child or two infants buried in one casket. No more than two containers of cremated remains may be buried in one grave.
5. Lot owners shall not allow interments in their lots in return for remuneration of any kind.

Disinterment

1. Disinterment of a body, once properly interred, shall not be made without a properly executed disinterment permit. Graves, which must be opened for inspection for any official investigation, shall require an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Monuments and Memorials

1. All plans, specifications and locations of markers or memorials are subject to approval of the board.
2. For the best interest of lot owners, memorials of cement, artificial stone, composition, wood, tin or iron are not permitted.
3. No walls or copings are permitted and lots shall be maintained at grade level.
4. All memorials shall have a foundation, which extends at least 4 inches on all sides of the stone.
5. Should any monument or memorial become unsightly, dilapidated or a safety hazard, the Board shall have the right, at the expense of the owner, to correct the condition or remove the same.

Correction of Errors

1. The Board shall have the right to correct errors which may be made, either in making interments or disinterments, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any 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.