

ROCKTON TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Addendum September 11, 2019 - Revised September 28, 2020 - previous revision March 24, 2016

GRAVESITE PURCHASES: Gravesites will be purchased through the cemetery office, with payment made payable to Rockton Township Cemeteries. Prices of gravesites are set by the Rockton Township Board and subject to change.

There is a 4 space limit per household in township. Any exceptions to the limit needs to be brought before the Rockton Township Board.

The Rockton Township Cemeteries does not offer “term burials” or “green burials”.

All purchases must be paid in full at the time of need. No spaces will be reserved.

Gravesite owners must follow the rules and regulations of the Rockton Township Cemetery for the privilege of burial and erection of monuments or markers.

RESALE OF LOTS: In cases where a space or any part thereof, is transferred to another owner, a properly executed deed shall be presented to the Cemetery Clerk for recording before any interment is made by the new owner. The Rockton Township Cemetery does not buy back spaces.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF GRAVES: Graves must be opened and closed at the direction of the Cemetery Sexton/Clerk. Fees associated with this process are to be paid through the funeral home. There is an administration fee of \$95.00 that will be paid directly to Rockton Township Cemeteries.

Forty-eight hours’ notice shall be given to prepare for a burial. A further allowance should be made for such things as unusual weather conditions, unverifiable ownership of site or week-ends and holidays. Additional fees may be assessed for openings on weekends, holidays or special requests. Openings that are based on indefinite information provided to the Cemetery Clerk are subject to additional fees.

Burials of infants must be in a closed container provided through the funeral home at the time of burial.

Cremations must be buried in ground – this cemetery does not have a scattering garden and does not permit spreading of ashes on the grounds of the cemetery. This cemetery does not require an urn vault for burial of cremains.

INTERMENTS: Interments in spaces shall be restricted to persons designated by the space owner. If an order is presented for the interment of a person not a member of the immediate family, written authorization from the space owner or representative is required.

ALL burials (cremation or full) require a permit for final disposition. Cremations also require a cremation certificate.

DISINTERMENTS: No removal of a body shall be made except by an order of the Cemetery Clerk or standing township board and presentation of a legal permit. Charges will be assessed based upon the costs involved.

MARKERS AND MONUMENTS: Markers, headstones and monuments shall be set at the direction of the Cemetery Clerk. Arrangements for marker/monument deliveries shall be made with the Cemetery Clerk 48 hours prior to delivery. The cemetery is not responsible for unattended deliveries and any resulting damage. A moving fee may be assessed.

Traditional above ground markers and monuments are allowed in all sections of Phillips Cemetery and in all sections of Rockton Cemetery except for the North sections of the 4th addition. Only flush markers may be placed in this excepted area.

Monuments are to be constructed of two pieces of granite, a "base" and a "die." The cap for monuments shall be a thickness of 3½" concrete, 4" poured concrete or 4" granite and shall be six inches larger on all sides than the base.

Markers are to be constructed of a single piece of granite between 8" X 16" (minimum) and 12" X 28" (maximum). Marker caps are to be made of concrete, 4" poured concrete or 4" thick granite and are to be 6" wider than the marker on all sides. Markers and flush markers shall have no less than 3" tamped aglime below cap.

Monuments and markers are to be located in designated areas set by the cemetery. The use of any materials other than granite needs the approval of the Rockton Township Board. The Rockton Township Board has the right to prevent the erection of any structure or to remove any structure that shall be deemed injurious to the general appearances of the cemetery or adjoining lots.

Other permanent placements, including benches and plantings may be erected in designated memorial areas with the approval of the Rockton Township Board. No birdbaths, fountains will be allowed to be placed in the cemetery.

No TREES or SHURBS are allowed to be planted directly in the ground.

Plantings in urns are the responsibility of the space owner or family. Urns shall be kept in good repair. Broken urns may be removed by the cemetery personnel.

Certain plantings that may spread or become too large in time will not be allowed. Any planting may be removed from any space if it is deemed to be detrimental to the cemetery or adjoining spaces.

DECORATIONS: On or about March 15th and October 15th of each year shall be designated as "clean-up time". All containers, pots and items of decoration which are temporary in nature must be claimed by that time. New decorations may be placed after April 15th and November 15th. Any out of season decorations will be removed.

Artificial and cut flower arrangements should be put in durable containers. Glass, china or other fragile containers are not allowed for the safety of workers and visitors. The Rockton Township Cemetery reserves the right to remove any decorations as it sees fit. Numerous floral displays upon a grave presents maintenance problems – to minimize these problems floral arrangements and related items must be placed behind and as close as possible to the headstone/marker or they will be removed. Please be respectful of the surroundings and display decorations tastefully.

All shepherd hooks must be placed at the center of the stone and next to the foundation. Rods must be 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch. The shepherd hook maybe removed upon the discretion of the Cemetery sexton/clerk. **Only 1 hook is permitted on a lot.**

MISCELLANEOUS: The Rockton Township Cemeteries will take reasonable precaution to protect the property of space owners from loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all or any responsibility for loss or damage from war, thieves, vandals, rioters or malicious mischief makers; from all Acts of God, including winds, tornadoes, hail, snow, frost, fire, explosion or lightning; and from all caused beyond reasonable control.

MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS: The Rockton Township Board may, and hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time, with or without notice to owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter and/or appeal any Rule or Regulation stated in the this document.

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Rockton Township Board, therefore reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations when in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and such temporary exceptions or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

ROCKTON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY – FEE SCHEDULE

August 14, 2019

The following fees are paid directly to Rockton Township Cemeteries

Gravesite prices:

Rockton: Original, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Additions and 4th Addition and all of Phillips:

Rockton Township residents.....\$500.00 Non Residents.....\$1,000.00

You must show an id or drivers license and 3 pieces of mail to prove residency.

The Cemetery does not buy back spaces.

Miscellaneous Fees:

Administration fee includes filing and recording of paperwork\$95.00

Markers, Headstones and Monuments:

Cemetery office requests that the marker/monument order paperwork needs to be sent over for approval before placing order for production of marker/monument.

Cemetery office must be notified prior to installation of Markers/Headstones/Monuments

Single markers 12" x 24" to 12" x 28"

Double markers 12" x 36"

Monuments 12" x 42" to 12" x 68"

Military markers ordered from the Military can be delivered to the Rockton Township Cemeteries office at 1315 N. Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL. 61072.