Gering Parks, Cemetery, and Tree Board Meeting
June 15, 2026

1. Call to order at 5:15 and roll call: Present: Chairman Don Gentry, Co-chairman Mike Donovan, Recording Secretary Vickie Nemnich, Chris Kautz, Philip Schmitt, and Amy Seiler. Absent Tim Maxcy
2. **Open Meeting Act – NEB. REV. STAT. CHAPTER 84, ARTICLE 14**
   As required by State Law, public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act available in the meeting room. Agenda items may be moved up or down on the agenda at the discretion of the Chairperson. As required by State Law, additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless they are considered under this section of the agenda and the board determines that the matter requires emergency action.
3. Visitors: James Jackson; Stacy Wilson, Masumi Wilroy, Trey Wilroy, and Zed Kelley
4. Public Hearings: none
5. Reading and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2026. Motion to accept made by Philip Schmitt and seconded by Mike Donovan. Motion carried.
6. Reports:
   a. **Cemetery:** April and May 2026: See attached reports. Mike "Dingus" McKee passed away and he is the one who for years has volunteered by placing all the flags in the drive and around the cemetery and he will be missed. We should honor his service to veterans by doing a memorial such as a donor tree. We will continue discussing that at the next meeting.
   b. **Parks:** Installed Willa Cather sculpture at the library, purchased through private funds. Dedication is July 3. Waterfall is up and going and the Theater West garden walk is July 18 and will include Northfield Park. Angel of Hope memorial is complete in Gentry Park. Bathrooms at Legion Park are totally destroyed because of a power surge that destroyed the solenoids and approximately $3000 is needed to replace them so that the automatic flushers will work. It's being discussed as to whether we should purchase different types of toilets.
   c. **Trees:** Removed several trees around the swimming pool area. Working on removing more Austrian pines that are not doing well in Oregon Trail park. Still working with WAPA on funds to replace trees. Will be removing the trees in the islands at the golf course. Nebraska Statewide Arboretum had a plant sale and brought us 5-6 Caddo maples, and we need to get those planted soon.
7. Unfinished business:
   a. Update on Memorial Tree Program: Phil and Chis need to get their pamphlet put together and take to the city offices.
   b. Memorial benches: Phil and Chris are working on those also.
   c. Update on Carl Gray Park: will discuss at the next meeting

8. New Business:
    a. Approve updated rules and regulations for cemetery: will discuss at a future date but we do need a new brochure that is in larger print and is simpler and easier to read. Need to be very specific. Amy is still researching other cemeteries and what they have. Amy is planning on having this ready for the August meeting.
    b. Discuss permanent soccer goals in Oregon Trail Park: Stacy Wilson spoke to the board concerning the accessibility of soccer goals in Oregon Trail Park so Gering kids could practice here in Gering. Amy suggests heavier, portable goals that we can move around to change the wear and tear on the grass areas. If the soccer group could go to Keno and ask for funds to help purchase them and perhaps the Gering High School Activities Director and/or the Booster Club could also help with the cost of the goals. Motion was made by Mike Donovan to move forward on pursuing soccer here in Gering by getting portable soccer goals for Oregon Trail Park. We also recommend the soccer board apply to Keno and the High School for some assistance with the cost of those goals. Seconded by Vickie Nemnich. Motion carried.
9. Date, time and place of next meeting: 5:15 p.m. August 17, 2026, at Park Maintenance Building

OPEN COMMENT: discussion or action by the Park Board regarding unscheduled business will not take place. This section is for citizen comment only.

Motion made by Chris Kautz and seconded by Mike Donovan to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Don Gentry, Chairman

Vicki Nemnich, Park Board Secretary

MAY 2026 DATE	INTERMENT	OWNER	CEMETERY RECEIPT NEMBER	SALE OF LOTS	PERPETUAL CARE	O/C DEED SATURDAY	RECEIPT TOTAL	ADDITION	BLOCK	LOT
5/6/2026		Isidro Morales	5097	$ 867.00	$ 433.00	$ 50.00	$ 1,350.00	4	42	3,4
5/8/2026	Burial Payment	Hauck	5098			$ 425.00	$ 425.00			
5/14/2026	Jo Ann Hauck	Hauck	5098				$ -	2	34	2 N1/2
5/11/2026	Amelia Morales	Morales	5099			$ 650.00	$ 650.00	4	42	.4.
5/13/2026		Tony Steidley	5100	$ 433.00	$ 217.00	$ 50.00	$ 700.00	4	60	.3.
5/12/2026		Isidro Morales	5101	$ 433.00	$ 217.00		$ 650.00	4	42	.5.
	VOIDED	VOIDED	5102				$ -			
5/15/2026		Kyle and Lynn Gifford	5103	$ 433.00	$ 217.00	$ 50.00	$ 700.00	4	35	.14.
5/15/2026	Payment for 5/18/26 burials	John and Sherry Gifford	5104	$ 867.00	$ 433.00	$ 950.00	$ 2,250.00	4	35	.16.
5/15/2026		Craig and Holly Gifford	5104				$ -	4	35	.15.
5/18/2026	Dick and Sherry Blaha	Van Kirk	5105			$ 850.00	$ 850.00	2	34	1 N1/2
5/18/2026	Payment for 5/29/26 burial	Edens	5106			$ 425.00	$ -	2	51	.2.
5/29/2026	Leeray Edens	Edens	5106				$ -	2	51	.2.
5/20/2026		Noberta Murillo	5107	$ 433.00	$ 217.00	$ 50.00	$ 700.00	4	32	.15.
5/21/2026	Palmers Permit Fees	2 monument fees	5108			$ 300.00	$ 300.00			
5/27/2026	Armando Hernandez	Murillo	5109			$ 425.00	$ 425.00	4	32	.15.
5/27/2026		Neil and Christine (Reed) Murillo	5110	$ 433.00	$ 217.00	$50.00	$ 700.00	4	32	.14.
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SPACE	PRENEED BURIAL	COMMENTS	FULL	CREM.	INFANT	SPACES SOLD	SAT.	VET	DISINTER.	Funeral Home
Both	Both	2 space purchase, hold on a 3rd, deed				2				
		payment for 5/14/2026 burial								
1 FN, foot	BURIAL	cremation burial at foot		1						Jolliffe
Single	BURIAL	full burial, sealed vault	1							
Single	PRENEED	single space purchase, deed				1				
Single	PRENEED	single space purchase, deed already paid				1				
Single	PRENEED	single space purchase, deed				1				
Single	PRENEED	2 space purchase, 2 deeds, burial payment				2				
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2 FN	BURIAL	2 cremation burial		2						Reverance
2 FN		Payment for Leeray Edens burial 5/29/2026								
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Single	PRENEED	single space purchase, deed				1				
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SPACE	PRENEED BURIAL	COMMENTS	FULL	CREM.	INFANT	SPACES SOLD	SAT.	VET	DISINTER.	Funeral Home
		5 monument fees paid								
at foot S1/2	BURIAL	cremation at foot S1/2 of space 4/23/2026		1				1		Dugan
2 FN	BURIAL	Full burial, oversized box	1							Reverance
Single	BURIAL	Full burial, box and cremation inside casket	1	1						GMC
Single	PRENEED	single full space purchase, deed				1				
		Interments: 4	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	
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APRIL 2026 DATE	INTERMENT	OWNER	CEMETERY RECEIPT NEMBER	SALE OF LOTS	PERPETUAL CARE	O/C DEED SATURDAY	RECEIPT TOTAL	ADDITION	BLOCK	LOT
4/13/2026	*Monument Permit Fees*	Palmers Monument Co.	5092			$ 750.00	$ 750.00			
4/20/2026	Roger Betzold	Mayhew/Betzold	5093			$ 425.00	$ 425.00	4	6	.14.
4/23/2026	Ronald Carl Ahlers, Sr.	Ahlers	5094			$ 650.00	$ 650.00	3	75	.8.
4/24/2026	Mary & Richard Kautz	Kautz	5095			$ 1,075.00	$ 1,075.00	4	11	.1.
4/26/2026		Cindi Flammang	5096	$ 433.00	$ 217.00	$ 50.00	$ 700.00	4	61	.4.
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