



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Date: September 29, 2011
To: Historic Preservation Commission
From: Jon Branham, City Planner *JB*
Subject: Historic Landmark Designation, Case: LD-11-04
2101 West Touhy Avenue

Introduction

Town of Maine Cemetery Association, applicant, requests a review for historic landmark designation for 2101 West Touhy Avenue, in accordance with the landmark designation review provisions in Article 23 of the Municipal Code.

The application was prepared by the owner of the property. The owner has also provided consent.

Notification requirements for this application have been satisfied. A legal notice was published in the *Park Ridge Herald-Advocate*.

Information Submitted by the Applicant

The applicant requests historic landmark designation for 2101 West Touhy Avenue. The applicant submitted materials that satisfy the minimum filing requirements for landmark designation (Section 23-2-1 of the Municipal Code), including a statement on how the nomination would satisfy the landmark designation standards.

According to research provided, 2101 West Touhy Avenue is significant in respect to the site's significance with respect to historical heritage of the community, the site's association with important persons and events in local history, and the site's identity as an established and familiar visual feature of the community.

The cemetery sits on 17.5 acres of land at the southeast corner of Touhy Avenue and Dee Road. The cemetery serves as a prominent western gateway to Park Ridge from the east. The cemetery was officially chartered in 1858, possibly on an ancient burial ground, with some headstones dating back to the early 1800s. Local artist Alfonso Iannelli designed the present office on the grounds and he is also interred at the cemetery. The gatehouse was built of bricks from the locally known Brickton Brickyard. At least six former Mayors of Park Ridge are buried at the cemetery as well as many of the City's founding fathers and notable persons who helped develop and grow Park Ridge. Also, over ten Civil War veterans are buried at the site. The cemetery also features many unique styles of monuments and headstones.

The Town of Maine Cemetery presents a distinct character that many consider a journey through the history of Park Ridge.

Staff Analysis

Landmark Designation Review

The applicant appears to meet several criteria of the landmark designation standards (Section 23-3-1 of the Municipal Code), which include:

- The site's significance with respect to the historical, cultural, artistic, social, ethnic or other heritage of the nation, state or community.
- The site's significance as it may be representative of an architectural or engineering type lending itself to the study of a style, period, craftsmanship, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.
- The site's association with an important person or event in national, state, or local history.
- The site's identity as a notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual genius has influenced an era.
- The site's identity as an established and familiar visual feature in the community owing to its unique location or physical characteristics.
- Criteria promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior for the National Register of Historic Places.
- The preference of the owner.
- The economic and functional potentials of the site.

The applicant has provided a statement of landmark designation and historical background. Staff is satisfied that the applicant meets the designation standards. The Commission should consider the landmark designation standards and determine if it is satisfied with the application.

Commission Action

If the Commission decides to recommend approval of the historic landmark designation, the proposed motion would be as follows:

Recommend City Council approval of historic landmark designation for 2101 West Touhy Avenue, Case Number LD-11-04, as submitted.

The Commission shall make a decision in writing and shall include findings of fact (Section 23-2-4-B-1).

Attachments



Landmark Designation Application

City of Park Ridge

Community Preservation and Development Department . 505 Butler Place . Park Ridge, IL . 60068
Phone: (847) 318-5291 . Fax: (847) 318-6411 . www.parkridge.us

Case Number: LD-11-04

Subject Property Information:

Address: 2101 W. Touhy Park Ridge, IL Zoning District: OS

Legal Description (can attach separate sheet): _____

Applicant Information:

Name: Town of Maine Cemetery Association Phone: 847 823-3546

Address: 2101 W. Touhy Ave. E-mail: townofmaine@att.net

Park Ridge, IL 60068

Owner of Record Information:

Name: Town of Maine Cemetery Assoc. Phone: above

Address: as Non-profit entity
above

Summary of Nomination (may attached additional pages): Was built 1915. Designed by Alfonso Ianneli. Made of burnt bricks from Park Ridge brick factory. (Brickton Il)

I hereby certify, as the undersigned applicant, that the above statements and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Terrance L. Schaefer
Signature of Applicant

9/27/2010
Date

Terrance L. Schaefer Superintendent Action as Approved by board Meeting.
Revised 9/2010

Statement
Town of Maine Cemetery

- a. Chartered in 1857-58 on an old burial ground, with headstones dating back to 1840, Town of Maine Cemetery is a visual walk thru the history of Park Ridge.
- b. The Gatehouse was rebuilt, after a fire destroyed the original. The Gatehouse was built of burnt(cast off) Bricks from the Brickton brickyard
- c. More then 10 Civil War Veterans, the first Mayor of Park Ridge Buchheidt as well as 4 other Mayors and many of our founding fathers and notable people that helped develop and grow Park Ridge are interned at Town of Maine
- d. The Gatehouse and entrance gate were designed and built by the renown sculptor Alfonso Iannelli using indigenious bricks
- e. Nestled on 17.5 acres at Touhy and Dee, Town of Maine Cemetery serves as a gateway to Park Ridge

Town of Maine Cemetery is a visual history of the growth and importance of Park Ridge.

Alfonso Iannelli ashes are interned there in the Gard family plot under the monuments and columns he sculpted for the Gard family

Applicant Disclosure Statement (Section 2-24-1)

Name of Applicant: TOWN OF MAINS CEMETERY

Subject Property Information:
Address: 2101 W. TOWNS AVE. PARK RIDGE, IL

P.I.N.: 09-34-200-001-0000

Name and business address of any and all current holders of legal or beneficial title to the subject property (attach additional sheets if necessary):

CEMETERY OWNS ITSELF - NON-PROFIT ENTITY

If there is a pending contract for the sale of the subject property, list the purchasing party's name:

NONE

List any entities, other than a natural person, that hold legal or beneficial title and that have a greater than 3% interest in the entity:

NONE

For each entity listed above that, list every director, officer and manager of the entity:

~~ALAN~~ DON HUNS, PRES. LARRY FRIEL VP. ANNIE ROZOVICIS
TERRY SCHAEFFEL TREASURER + SUPPL SECRETARY

For each entity listed above that is a limited partnership or limited liability company, list the name of every limited or general partner or member:

NONE

For each limited partner or general partner that is a corporate entity, list the name of every person who holds a greater than 3% interest in the corporation:

NONE

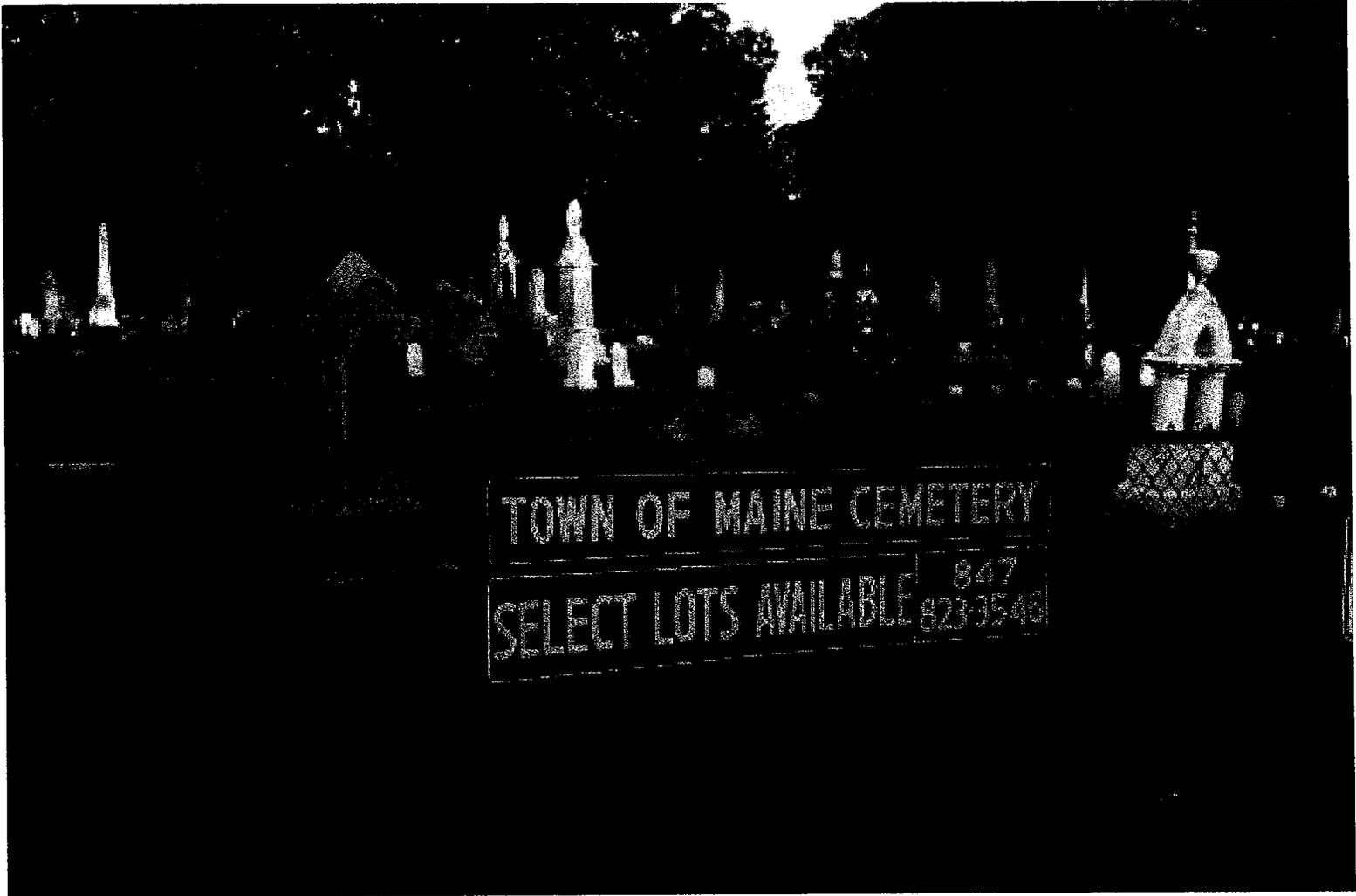
I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements of Article 2, Chapter 24 of the Park Ridge Municipal Code ("Code"). I understand that as the applicant, I am required to keep all of the information on this form current and updated until the City Council takes final action on my request. I also understand that if I fail to comply with this requirement, the City Council may declare the action it has taken with respect to my request null and void. In addition, the City Council may direct the initiation of legal action for a violation of the Code and may seek the penalties set forth in Section 2-24-4 of the Code, including daily monetary fines. I understand that this disclosure statement will be open for public inspection and posted on the City's website prior to any meeting when my request will be acted upon. I understand that if the subject property is assigned, transferred or if an agreement is entered into to transfer any right, interest, or permit within one year of the City Council's final action, there will be a rebuttable presumption that the assignee or transferee had constructive control of the subject property at the time of my application. The penalty discussed above will be imposed for any failure to disclose any such assignee or transferee.

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

9/29/2011
Date

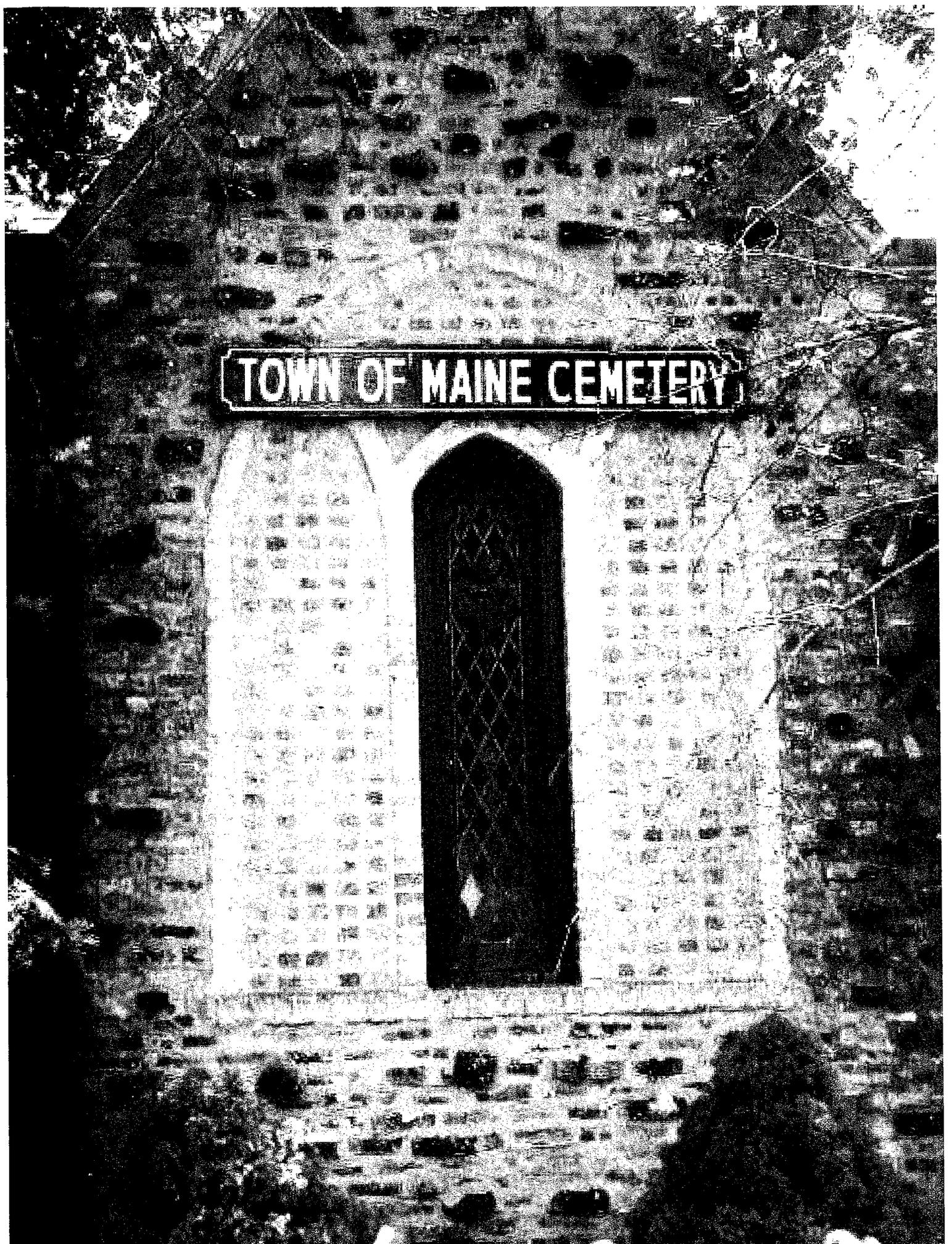




TOWN OF MAINE CEMETERY

SELECT LOTS AVAILABLE ⁸⁴⁷ 823-3546

TOWN OF MAINE CEMETERY





The Town of Maine Cemetery is located at the west edge of Park Ridge, IL almost adjacent to Des Plaines. It is bounded on the West by Dee Road and on the east by Rose Ave. Entrance is from the North on Touhy Avenue the south fence borders the side of a residential block. Ancient oak trees shade the 21 wooded acres.

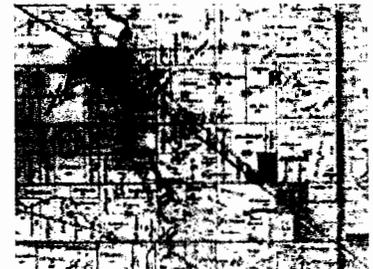
Town of Maine cemetery was officially chartered in 1858. Business partners Robert Meacham and John Penny purchased the first 5 acres, located in the northwest corner, in 1856 from a Mr. Miner of Des Plaines and donated them to the cemetery. Meacham and Penny ran the successful brickyard that was located in Park Ridge, which supplied much of the bricks used in the rebuilding of Chicago after the Great Fire of 1871. Park Ridge in those days was called Pennyville, much to the chagrin of George Penny who proposed the town's next name of Brickton in honor to the brickyard. Penny and Meacham wrote a clause into every deed to property that they sold prohibiting to manufacture or sale of intoxicants on that piece of land. The Meacham and Penny families are buried here; the Penny family plot has 32 graves.

It was common in the early days to have small family burial plots on one's land but as the population of Maine Township started to grow it became necessary to form a public non-profit cemetery. Burials occurred on the site much earlier than 1858 and there are undoubtedly more burials there than are represented by the stones. There is evidence of an Indian Village nearby but no there are no signs of where they buried their dead and no Indian artifacts have been unearthed at the cemetery. There was a little Congregational church on Dee Rd near Talcott Rd (present day Touhy), built in the early 1840's, and some settlers had already been buried on the land in the early 1830's. The church was only there for a few years before it was sold to Colonel Robb and moved to the location of the Country Club. The cemetery was mostly used by the citizens of Park Ridge and Des Plaines and the rural residents of Maine Township who were predominantly German immigrants. Many of the early headstones are in German with titles like: "Mutter" "Vater" "Sohn" "Grossmutter"

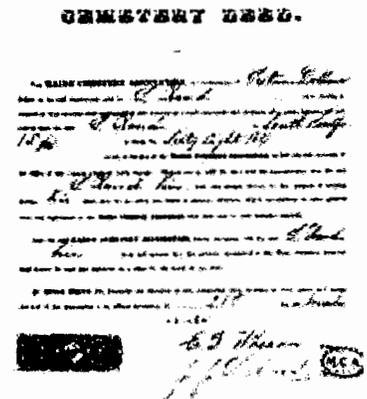
The first graves were sold for \$1 each and owners were assessed 50 cents a year for maintenance. The maintenance fee continued until 1947 when the State of Illinois Perpetual Care Act took effect. The act ensures that a portion of the purchase fee for each grave goes into a fund to provide for the care of the cemetery.

The earliest cemetery records were destroyed in a fire in 1915. The local artist Alfonso Ianeli who also designed the interior of the Pickwick Theater designed the present Office of the cemetery a beautiful brick and stone building with one stained glass window.

Walking through the cemetery you will see the names from the past who were important enough in their time to lend their names to some of our local roads: Ballard, Talcott,



Portion of an 1861 Map of Maine Township Green area is location of the Cemetery.



An 1864 deed to the South half of Block 68 owned by S. Rand.



Miner, Root, Higgins, Lee and Rand.

At least six former Mayors of Park Ridge are buried at the cemetery:

Dr. A. Buchett, first mayor 1910-1912

William H. Malone, second Mayor 1912-1914

C.H. Tharp, Mayor 1921-1923

Leslie Cole, Mayor 1923-1925

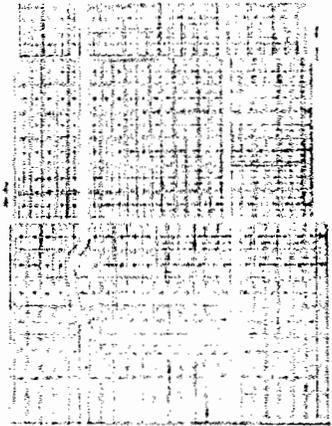
James D. Tierney, Mayor 1941-1945

Marty Butler,

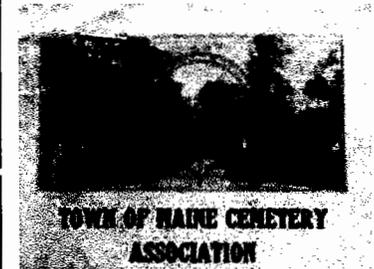
Alderman 1967-1971

Mayor 1973-1991

State Senator 1991 – 1998



Current Map of Cemetery



Original Gates, picture from an old envelope



of Pa

2100

2090

2086

2082

2052

2030

2020

W TOUHY AV

2101

2001

1839

2301

20

50-70

100-104

110

116

120

200

300

S DEERD

S ROSE AV

27

2016

2017

101

107

2016

2017

111

123

1864

1863

1863

225

2212

2208

2204

2200

2150

2140

220

224

225

1860



TOWN OF MAINE CEMETERY LANDS

1. Part of the North East quarter of Sec. 34, in Town of Maine, described as follows:
Commencing at N.W. corner of N.E.¼, thence N. 87½° E. 4 ch. & 50 lks; thence S. 13 chs; Thence S. 87½° W. 4 chs. & 50 lks; thence N. 13 chs. containing 5.85 acres.

Conveyed by Fred'k T. Miner & wf. to Maine Cemetery Assoc'n
Dated Dec. 30, 1858
Recorded March 22, 1859, book 170, page 278, as doc. 15,314.

2. Lots One (1), three (3) and four (4) containing seven acres more or less, in S. Greenebaum's Subdivision of that part of the West half of the North East quarter of Section 34, Township 41 North, Range 12, E. of 3rd P.M. lying North of the Road, except the West 4.50 chs. of the N. 13 chs. thereof, in Cook County, Illinois

Conveyed by Babetta Greenebaum and Simon Greenebaum, her husband to Maine Cemetery Association, of the Town of Maine, Cook Co., Ill.
Dated March 10, 1896
Recorded March 11, 1896 - document 2357487

3. Lots six (6) and seven (7), in S. Greenebaum's Subdivision, etc.

Conveyed by Hugo Brady and Mathilde Brady, his wife, to Town of Maine Cemetery Association
Warranty deed dated December 1, 1913
Recorded December 19, 1913
Document 5325659

4. Lot eight (8) in S. Greenebaum's Subdivision, etc.

Conveyed by Egbert L. Jansen and Mary B. Jansen, his wife, to Town of Maine Cemetery Association, "not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants",
Dated November 22, 1919
Recorded Dec. 2, 1919,
Document 6684957

5. Lot Nine (9) in S. Greenebaum's Subdivision, etc.

Conveyed to Town of Maine Cemetery Association by warr. deed, by Bettie Glick and Jacob Glick, her husband, to Town of Maine Cemetery Association
Dated May 25, 1915
Recorded June 4, 1915,
Doc. 5647585.

TOUHY AVENUE

Lot 1
(5 acs)

X

365.5 ft.

Lot 3 X
(1 acres)

Lot 4 X

4.50 chs.

Lot 7 X

Lot 6 X
(1 acre)

Lot 8 X

Lpt 9 X

GREENE

ROSE AVENUE

Original 5.85 acres deeded in
1858 by Miner to Cem. Ass'n

Lot 2

X

X

X OWNED BY
CEM ASSN

