

Jason Sullivan

From: Benjamin Howell
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 3:30 PM
To: Jason Sullivan
Subject: FW: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726
Attachments: Lee-Moore Cemetery Correspondence 2004.pdf

Importance: High

Please post under the Lee-Moore Capital Company County-Line site as additional information.

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From: Keith Megginson
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 11:35 AM
To: Benjamin Howell
Subject: FW: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

From: Patrick Bradshaw [mailto:bradshaw@bradshawrobinson.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 11:25 AM
To: Jim and Beverly Wiggins
Cc: Jeremy Poss; Keith Megginson; Lynn Richardson; Mary Phillips
Subject: Re: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

Ms. Wiggins:

The attached pdf file contains correspondence that Mary Phillips and I exchanged in 2004 on this topic. As my letter to Mary indicates, the surveyor Russ Elingburg did search the site and found no evidence of a cemetery.

The CCHA is welcome to examine the site. Please contact me so that we can coordinate.

Best,
Patrick

Patrick E. Bradshaw

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Mary Phillips](mailto:MaryPhillips@bradshawrobinson.com)
To: bradshaw@bradshawrobinson.com ; [Mary Phillips](mailto:MaryPhillips@bradshawrobinson.com)
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 10:23 AM
Subject: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

Patrick,

Below is the response from Bev at the Historical Assn to Jeremy.

Mary Phillips, Mapping Office

From: Jeremy Poss
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 9:43 AM
To: Mary Phillips
Subject: FW: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

Below is the response from Bev at the Historical Assoc.

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From: Jim and Beverly Wiggins [<mailto:jimerly@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2008 3:13 PM
To: Jeremy Poss
Cc: Lynn Richardson; Jane Pyle
Subject: Re: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

Hi Jeremy--

Mr. Bradshaw is correct that the cemetery on parcel 18726 has not been verified. However, we do have a report of a cemetery in that location and would like to see the notation remain in the GIS system. There is nothing in Mr. Heiser's notes that indicate he looked for the site. (There were many more sites reported than he could personally investigate.) If no evidence of the site is found, our notes, associated with the cemetery code E13.2, will indicate that the cemetery was reported but not found.

Do you know if Mr. Bradshaw has information indicating that a surveyor looked for the cemetery in the general location indicated on the GIS and did not find it? If so, I would like to get a copy to include in our files.

It is possible that the visible signs of the gravesites have been destroyed--by timbering or simply time. Many of the sites were marked only by fieldstones and are difficult to spot if you haven't seen many of them before. The 1989 report indicates that this site was overgrown and not easily identifiable.

According to Will Heiser's notes, the cemetery is reported to be the family cemetery of a Carter family. If Mr. Bradshaw can provide deed book and page references for the title trail, it might be possible to determine if there has ever been a Carter owner of the parcel.

Even if the surface indications of a cemetery are gone, the burials are still protected by state law. In a case like this one, where the cemetery was not found, any disturbance of the area where the cemetery was reported to be should be done with great care so that the subtle, but very recognizable evidence of graves will be noticed if they are present.

In short, we would like to keep the cemetery notation on the parcel. I have asked the Planning office to inform the developer that CCHA would like to investigate the site. If no evidence of the cemetery can be found, we will indicate that in the files. This is not an unusual situation. There are a number of other sites like this in the county.

Thanks for checking with us on this. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,
Bev Wiggins

----- Original Message -----

From: [Jeremy Poss](#)
To: [Jim and Beverly Wiggins](#)
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2008 1:32 PM
Subject: FW: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

Bev,

Do you have any way of verifying the cemetery below does or does not exist before I remove it from the GIS layer.

Thanks,

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From: Mary Phillips
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2008 12:30 PM
To: Jeremy Poss; bradshaw@bradshawrobinson.com; Mary Phillips
Subject: Cemetery symbol showing on parcel 18726

Jeremy,

Patrick Bradshaw contacted me today regarding a cemetery reference on parcel 18726, owner: Lee Moore Oil Company. The cemetery GIS layer shows a reference to E13.2.

Back in 2004 I removed the cemetery reference from the cadastral layers based on information supplied by Attorney Patrick Bradshaw. According to him, neither Will Heiser, as per his cemetery records, nor a surveyor could locate a cemetery.

Thanks for checking into this.

