



## **Polk Grove Cemetery**

### *Rules and Regulations*

1. The use of all property in the cemetery is controlled by the Butler Township Board of Trustees. No inappropriate use of these lands is acceptable.
2. The Cemetery shall open at sunrise and shall close at sunset. Persons entering the Cemetery other than during these hours are trespassing.
3. Pets shall not be permitted in the Cemetery.
4. No Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be permitted in the Cemetery.
5. Concealed Carry of a Firearm must be in compliance of ORC: 2923.12.
6. The Township assumes no responsibility for any property left on head stones or markers. This includes flowers, planters, pots, urns, plantings or other decorations.
7. All flowers, planters, pots and urns shall be removed three times a year, or more often if decoration deteriorates. Clean up dates are March 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>. New decorations may be placed beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. No permanent vases, pots or urns shall be permitted. These may be emptied and deposited by the Township, as indicated above. In no case shall a vase or urn be larger than 18" in height or exceed 25 pounds. Permanent urns placed before 1990 are exempt from these regulations.
9. No statues or statuary items shall be permitted on any lots.
10. Head stones shall be constructed of igneous rock or stone and shall be contained on the lot of the owner. They shall not infringe on any other grave or walkway.
11. Only motionless, internal illumination of headstones is permitted. No external illumination of any kind shall be permitted on cemetery lots.
12. Markers shall be constructed of bronze, granite or marble. Veteran Markers may be placed on head stones, they shall not be installed flush with the ground.
13. Flags may be placed on graves Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Flag Day and Veterans Day. Flags are subject to removal by Cemetery within ten days of the holiday.
14. Glass containers and shepherd's hooks shall be prohibited at all times.
15. Trees, shrubs and individual plantings shall not be permitted on any grave or walkway. Trees may be planted, by permission only, at the edge of driveways. Any tree or shrub, not approved by the Township, may be removed without notice to the lot owner.
16. All burials are to be in Cemetery approved vault.
17. All burials of cremation ashes shall be in approved container. No ashes shall be spread openly on the ground.
18. All work in the Cemetery shall be performed by the Township, or by the Township's approval.
19. No lot may be resold to anyone other than the Township. Any transfer of lots shall be in writing and subject to approval of the Clerk. All transactions will be reimbursements only.
20. Head stones are the property of the lot owners. The Township assumes no perpetual care for them.
21. The Township maintains a perpetual care fund that donations may be paid into.