

Good Afternoon,

I understand there will be a discussion and potential action taken on the maintenance and mowing of the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery this evening. I had a chance to visit the cemetery today and have some thoughts.

As a prairie owner, I fully understand the value a prairie has environmentally and their importance historically to this region. The cemetery itself has obvious historical significance and its preservation should be of utmost concern. I do not see that one would need to choose between the two. I have read the letters from other residents of the area. There appears to be a group of knowledgeable prairie specialists who have volunteered some time to address the maintenance of the site that could both honor those who are laid to rest as well as protect the heirloom prairie plants that are so important to this region. This could be done with selective thinning or relocation for pathways and access. I do know that simply mowing the entire plant collection will most likely result in nuisance weeds taking over and additional maintenance considerations.

I wish you all the best in reaching a decision that will be satisfactory for all interested parties.

Regards,
Joel Reinders
Primrose Resident